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SC SETS UP TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS RISING TREND OF STUDENT SUICIDES

The Supreme Court on Monday ordered a national task force to be formed under former SC judge S Ravindra Bhat to study rising student suicides

CULTURE OF NEGLECT IN INDIA'S EDU INSTITUTES

A bench of justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said when academic environments fail to address mental health concerns effectively, they contribute to a culture of neglect. The court took note of reports of ragging, academic pressure, caste discrimination, sexual harassment, etc, that were driving students to suicide due to the absence of institutional support | **P10**

STUDENTS FORM 7.6% OF SUICIDES REPORTED

- According to the 210th report of the Law Commission of India, suicide was identified as one of the most significant factors contributing to the premature and unnatural cessation of human life
- Student accounted for 7.6% of total suicides in India in 2022, with 1.2% attributable to career problems and 1.2% to exam failures

13,000

STUDENT SUICIDES REPORTED IN INDIA IN 2022 ALONE

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

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DEMOLITION JUSTICE AGAIN

Shiv Sena workers vandalise Habitat Studio in Khar, where Kunal Kamra had performed; (right) a bulldozer takes down the home of an accused in the Nagpur riot case | PTI

FIR against Kamra, lens on call data, bank account

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

Kunal Kamra

AN FIR has been filed against stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra for making defamatory remarks against Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde during a comedy show.

As part of the investigation, police will check Kamra's phone call records and freeze his bank account, said Maharashtra minister of state (Home) Yogesh Kadam. This comes after Kamra courted controversy on Sunday night when he uploaded a video of a standup comic piece he had performed at the Habitat Studio at the Unicontinental Hotel in Mumbai's Khar area.

In the 45-minute video, Kamra used a parody in which he referred to Shinde as a "traitor", sparking outrage from Shiv Sena workers.

As per police, Kamra used a modified version of a Hindi song to mock Shinde over his 2022 rebellion against then-Chief Minister and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray. Within an hour of the video being uploaded, scores of Shiv Sena workers ransacked the property.

BMC officials said they razed a temporary structure in the open space of the hotel where the studio is located, for building violations. A BMC official said they have taken measurements of the studio to probe if it violates building rules.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis sought an apology from Kamra, stating that while the comic has the right to freedom of speech under the Constitution, he cannot insult leaders. "Kamra should read the Constitution ... where it is mentioned that you have freedom of speech, but it should not insult anyone. We demand an apology from Mr Kamra," he said.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar distanced himself from the controversy, and said that there should be no pressure on the police during the investigation.

12 SENA WORKERS GRANTED BAIL

Mumbai: A local court granted bail to 12 workers of the Shiv Sena for ransacking the venue in Mumbai where Kamra made the 'traitor' jibe. The workers were arrested on Monday morning

House of prime accused in Nagpur riots razed

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

Fahim Khan

THE two-storey residence of Fahim Khan, an alleged mastermind behind the communal violence in Nagpur on March 17, was demolished on Monday by civic authorities who alleged it had been constructed in violation of norms.

Two days ago, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had said the cost of properties damaged during the violence will be recovered from rioters and the failure to pay up would lead to seizure and selling the properties to recover losses.

The operation, which involved bulldozers and a heavy police presence assisted by drones, also saw the removal of an illegally constructed balcony at the house of another accused, Yusuf Sheikh, in the Mahal area.

Just hours after the demolition began, the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court intervened, issuing a stay on the demolitions and criticising the administration for its "high-handedness."

A division bench comprising Justices Nitin Sambre and Vrushali Joshi questioned why the property owners were not given an opportunity for a hearing before the demolition of the building. The bench indicated that if determined that the demolition was conducted unlawfully, the authorities might be liable for damages.

Khan, a leader of the Minority Democratic Party (MDP), is currently in jail and facing charges of sedition in connection with the March 17 riots in Nagpur. The riots erupted after rumour about the burning of a 'chadar' featuring religious inscriptions during protests organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) demanding the removal of Aurangzeb's tomb in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in central Maharashtra.

According to civic officials, prior to the demolition, Khan had received a notice citing multiple violations, including the lack of an approved plan.

HOUSE WAS BUILT ILLEGALLY: OFFICIAL

Nagpur: Civic body commissioner Harish Raut said they were acting on directives regarding the property illegally constructed on an expired lease from the Nagpur Improvement Trust

CASH ROW

SC Collegium recommends judge's transfer

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY & NAMITA BAJPAI
@ New Delhi / Lucknow

THE Supreme Court on Monday confirmed the transfer of Delhi High Court judge Yashwant Varma, who is under scrutiny after a huge pile of cash was found at his official residence, to the Allahabad HC.

"The Supreme Court Collegium in its meetings held on March 20 and 24 has recommended the repatriation of Justice Yashwant Varma, Judge, High Court of Delhi, to the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad," read the Collegium's resolution, uploaded on the SC website on Monday.

The confirmation came amid stiff opposition from the Allahabad High Court Bar Association (HCBA), which said the high court is not a "dumping ground for corrupt and tainted judges". The HCBA called for the impeachment of Justice Varma and announced an indefinite strike from Tuesday against the Collegium's resolution.

The proposed transfer of Justice Varma, who has now been stripped of all the judicial responsibilities, will become effective if and when the Centre accepts the Collegium's recommendation.

The HCBA also demanded registration of an FIR and probe by the CBI and ED against the judge, who has denied all the allegations against him claiming the whole affair was a conspiracy to tarnish his image. The association said Justice Varma's past judgments need to be reviewed to safeguard the integrity of the judiciary. It also called for an overhaul of the Collegium system saying the current practice of appointing judges lacks transparency.

Meanwhile, a three-member probe panel set up by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna is looking into the allegations against Justice Varma. The probe panel comprises Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court; Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia, Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court; and Justice Anu Sivaraman, Judge of the Karnataka High Court.

While dousing a fire at Justice Varma's Delhi residence on March 14, firefighters found a huge quantity of partially burnt currency notes. The judge was not at home when the incident took place.

Unanswered questions

SEVERAL CRUCIAL POINTS ARE MISSING IN THE CASH-AT-JUDGE'S-HOME STORY. HERE'S A LOOK:

1. Who ordered the removal of debris from the scene on March 15 morning. Where is the debris now?
2. According to reports, half-burnt sacks containing cash were seen. Then why wasn't the scene sealed immediately?
3. Delhi HC CJ's aide reported seeing debris on March 15 night. How is it possible if it was removed in the morning?
4. A video showing burnt currency notes has gone viral. Has the device on which it was recorded been recovered?

Will take action against BJP for distorting my statement: DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday said that he will initiate legal action against BJP for distorting his statement on 4% reservation to Muslims in contracts for government civil works.

His statement during an interview with a TV channel on Sunday led to a controversy with Union Minister JP Nadda raising it in the Rajya Sabha on Monday and seeking a clarification from Leader of Opposition and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge.

The BJP leadership stated that Shivakumar had only expressed the Congress' stand of changing the Constitution in favour of Muslims.

Shivakumar said that he will initiate legal action against those who had launched a disinformation campaign against him. "I never said we will change the Constitution. It is BJP's propaganda. I will take legal action against those twisting my statement. It will be difficult to initiate action if such statements are made in the House. But he will surely take action if they are made outside the Parliament," he said.

"All that I said was there is precedence of changing the Constitution based on the court orders. Congress is a national party which brought the Constitution in the first place. We understand the importance of the Constitution better than others. The Centre has failed the people in its recent budget, and hence, it is trying to rake up issues such as this one," he said.

He accused BJP leader Amit Malviya of misleading the nation. "Let them show proof of me saying that the Constitution needs to be changed. This is cheap politics from the BJP. They don't get sleep if they don't take the name of Sonia Gandhi, her family and the Congress party. BJP is an expert in falsifying information and spreading it," he said. **P4,9**

B'gavi horror: Couple set to wed kills newborn, throws body in garbage bin

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@ Belagavi

POLICE have arrested a young couple on charges of killing a newborn and dumping the body into a garbage bin at Ambadgatti village in Belagavi district on March 5. Mahabalesh Kamoji, 31, and Simran alias Muskan, 22, both from Ambadgatti near Kittur, were in a relationship for three years and wanted to get married soon.

However, Simran got pregnant and gave birth to a baby on March 5.

According to Superintendent of Police Bhimashankar Guled, nobody in Simran's family knew that she was pregnant. Simran, who went into labour, gave birth to the baby in the bathroom.

Simran was on a video call with Mahabalesh when she gave birth to the baby. Later, they decided to kill the baby and dispose of the body away from their house as they did not want their families to know this.

Accordingly, Mahabalesh and Simran killed the baby and dumped the body into the garbage bin near Ambadgatti the day it was born. After a few days, some residents of Ambadgatti found the infant's body in the garbage bin and alerted the police.

After two weeks of investigation, a police team found that the infant's parents were Simran and Mahabalesh and arrested them.

According to sources, Simran used to watch videos on her mobile phone of women giving birth to babies without anybody's help.

After gaining confidence, Simran decided not to go to any hospital or seek any help from local midwives, and give birth to the baby herself at home.

Meanwhile, the police said that Mahabalesh and Simran confessed to the crime during interrogation.

A case under Section 94 of BNS was registered against them.

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> -Sources

EXPRESS READ

TN MPs will meet PM for fair delimitation process, says Stalin

Chennai: Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin on Monday announced that a delegation of 39 MPs from the state would soon call on PM Modi to press for a fair delimitation of Lok Sabha seats. It is to retrieve the rights of Tamil Nadu, and that of similarly placed other states by taking forward the "Tamil Nadu will fight, Tamil Nadu will win" slogan, the CM said | **P5**

24% pay hike for MPs: Salary, daily allowances and pensions revised

New Delhi: The Centre announced a 24% salary hike for Members of Parliament, effective April 1, 2023, raising their monthly salary to ₹1.24 lakh, with additional allowances and perks. The daily allowance has been increased from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500, applicable while attending Parliament sessions and committee meetings | **P9**

Rahul Brit or Indian? Or both? Govt call in 4 weeks

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on Monday granted the Central government a month's time to take a decision regarding the status of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'dual citizenship'.

A PIL by BJP worker S Vignesh Shishir based in Karnataka sought cancellation of Rahul's citizenship owing to his alleged concealment of his British citizenship.

Deputy Solicitor General of India Surya Bhan Pandey, representing the Centre, requested the division bench comprising Justice Attau Rehman Masoodi and Justice Ajai Kumar Srivastava for two months to make a decision on Rahul's citizenship, but the bench directed that the matter be listed in the week commencing April 21 for the next hearing.

Vignesh's counsel told the court his client had presented a detailed representation-cum-complaint to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, asking for the cancellation of Rahul's Indian citizenship.

The petitioner had sent emails to the UK government seeking details about Rahul's citizenship records. He learnt that UK had already received a similar request from one VSS Sarma (respondent no. 14) in 2022.

Vignesh then approached Sarma who agreed to share the confidential emails of the UK government which hinted at Rahul's British nationality. The plea added that in the email, the UK government stated that it could not provide information about Rahul Gandhi unless it got a letter of authority from him (Rahul).

The PIL alleged that the email of the UK government was an outright admission of Rahul's British nationality.

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Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

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MIN 20°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST
Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 06.20 am
Sunset 06.30 pm
Moonrise 03.48 am
Moonset 03.38 pm

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, MLA ST Somashekar, Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan along with other ministers and legislators at the BBMP pre-budget meeting at Vikasa Soudha on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

RESIDENTS' BUDGET WISHLIST: NO TUNNEL ROAD, NO SKYDECK

'Two-way Bus Rapid Transport System lanes will solve traffic woes'

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

BENGALUREANS have high expectations from the upcoming Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike budget, including scrapping of tunnel roads, halting of funds for ad hoc projects like skydeck, a demolition team and prioritising road repairs.

Kathyayini Chamaraj, Executive Trustee, CIVIC -- an organisation working on civic issues, emphasised that instead of spending Rs 500 crore annually to transport garbage outside the city, BBMP should invest in decentralised waste management. "For the same amount, all 24 lakh households in Bengaluru could receive compost bins worth Rs 1,200 each, while the remaining funds could be used to set up biomethanation plants in every ward for those unable to compost at home," she suggested. By providing free biogas to residents near these plants, opposition to their setup can be mitigated.

On Bengaluru's traffic woes, she advocated two-way Bus Rapid Transport System (BRTS) lanes on all arterial roads. "If buses offer the fastest commute, more people will switch to public transport, saving the city Rs 1 lakh crore on tunnel roads that won't yield results for at least a decade," she said. She recommended revamping roadside drains to channel stormwater into underground tunnels and adding percolation pits every 100 metres to recharge groundwater.

Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor, Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru, urged BBMP to focus on basic road maintenance by fixing potholes and removing encroachments. With the demolition of illegal structures halted for the last one year, activists are pushing for a dedicated demolition team equipped with adequate funds, manpower, equipment, and even explosives to systematically demolish illegal buildings and layouts.

AI to deliver property documents at doorsteps

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>
> Kathyayini Chamaraj, Executive Trustee, CIVIC

> Property owners have built excess floors without legal sanction, and are not paying proportionate taxes. We will use AI to identify and measure such illegal constructions.
>
> DK Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister

BBMP POLLS SOON: DCM

On the much-delayed BBMP elections, Shivakumar said, "We'll go for elections as soon as the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill is approved by the Governor."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday announced that BBMP would use artificial intelligence to deliver property documents to people's doorsteps, and to identify illegal constructions.

Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, held a meeting with the city's legislators on Monday, on the BBMP budget 2025-26. Issues related to easing traffic, water supply in outer areas and regularisation of BWSSB water supply in 110 villages merged into BBMP, protection of water bodies, collection of property taxes and better road infrastructure were discussed. Low-lying areas prone to floods, uprooting of trees during monsoon and measures to mitigate these were also discussed.

Addressing a press conference, Shivakumar said, "Many property owners have built excess floors without legal sanction, and are not paying proportionate taxes. We will use artificial intelligence to identify and measure such illegal constructions."

"About 7lakh properties had not paid property tax, of which 1lakh were brought under the tax bracket. BBMP did not have the power to attach illegal properties, but a law was passed on that last week," he said. The DCM instructed senior Palike officials to act against officials who are hand in glove with owners of illegal properties.

He said the initiative to deliver khatas at people's doorsteps will be rolled out from April.

On street vendors, he said 3,778 applications were received for pushcarts. "We are willing to provide 10,000 pushcarts this year. The date for registration of pushcarts has been extended till April-end. Vendors not registered with BBMP will be cleared. This scheme will ensure that police, hooligans and officials don't bother street vendors," he added.

Ministers Ramalinga Reddy, Krishna Byre Gowda, Dinesh Gundu Rao, Zameer Ahmed Khan, BBMP Administrator Umashankar, Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath, BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasat Manohar and other officials were present.

Ozone homebuyers withdraw cases from 'toothless' K-RERA

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

CHARGING the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) of being completely ineffective in delivering justice, home owners of the ultra-luxury Ozone Urbana residential campus in Devanahalli, withdrew all seven cases filed with the Authority over the years. They plan to file them afresh in the Karnataka High Court, with one case already being filed.

The order permitting them to withdraw all their cases was issued by K-RERA Chairman Rakesh Singh and member GR Reddy on March 18, after a request was made by the Ozone Urbana Buyers' Welfare Association on February 28.

Ozone Urbana was planned on 185 acres as a separate 'Dream City' within the city. A number of residential complexes were proposed within this city, with each having anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000 houses.

A 240-bed hospital, retail mall, entertainment centre, 1lakh sqft of clubhouse and two senior citizen homes figured among its plans, say multiple home buyers. The deadline was 2017.

Over the past six years, cases were filed by the Association against Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Private Limited for non-completion of their flats, among multiple other charges.

Speaking on behalf of the association, a member who did not want to be named, billed RERA as "completely ineffective and toothless". "Ozone Urbana Developers has the maximum number of 590 cases filed against it in the state. K-RERA has issued 214 execution orders for revenue recovery, but not a single order has been honoured by the builder. We only ended up spending money on lawyer fees. Since it has failed to help the home buyers, we have decided to approach the High Court for justice and start from scratch."

Among the buyers hit hard is senior citizen couple Raju Sandhwani and his wife Bhavana, who bought two properties at Ozone Urbana for nearly Rs 1crore. A distraught Raju said, "K-RERA is a defunct body and needs to shut down. My wife and I jointly invested in a 3BHK flat at Ozone Pavilion, which was to be handed over in 2017. We are yet to get the house. The full fee refund order issued to the builder has been ignored completely. We also invested in a 1BHK in Irene senior home, and that money too is gone. A similar RERA order for refund has again been ignored by the Ozone developer." Stating that they have developed diabetes and other health issues due to the financial stress, he said, "Our life's savings are invested here. We had a nice plan to live together in the 3BHK and after one of us leaves this world, the other could move into the senior home."

Asked to respond to these allegations, RERA Chairman Rakesh Singh said, "We have done whatever is possible within the RERA Act. The actual process of recovery needs to be carried out by other government departments."

TOY STORY

A man carries a basket of dolls on his head near Cantonment Railway Station in Bengaluru on Monday, hoping to attract children with his collection | ALLEN EGENUSE J

'Ban channels posting SSLC question papers'

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THE Karnataka Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools (KAMS) urged the state government to ban all websites, YouTube channels, and social media platforms that are falsely claiming to have real SSLC exam question papers. The association called for legal action against those sharing these fake papers, warning that the misinformation is creating confusion and anxiety among students. This follows a rise in the circulation of fake SSLC question papers on social media, where miscreants are misleading students by promoting them as 'real question papers.'

On Sunday, a day before Maths exam, fake question papers claiming to be the real ones were circulated on YouTube Shorts. Previously during the preparatory exams, science and social science question papers were circulated on YouTube, a day before the exams.

Kumar said this illegal activity is not only causing distress among students but also putting their future at risk. "The association had earlier filed a complaint with the City Police Commissioner and, based on his advice, had brought the matter to the attention of the education department - both the minister and the education commissioner.

Summer showers refill 'lost' lake

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

A brief 11 mm rainfall on Saturday evening brought a significant moment for B Channasandra Lake in Kasturinagar, as rainwater partially filled the 7-acre lake that had been left dry due to years of neglect. Thanks to persistent efforts by residents over the last 15 years, the once-lost waterbody is finally coming back to life.

According to K Ramanath Rao, Executive Director of Kasturinagar Welfare Association, the lake spanned over 19 acres, as per Forest Department records. However, government encroachments in the late 1980s significantly reduced its size. "The lake was rejuvenated through the relentless efforts of residents, NGOs and CSR funding. Seeing rainwater enter the lake from the inlet for the first time since I moved here 14 years ago is an incredible feeling," said Rao. He added that once desilting near Kasturinagar Main Road is completed, water from another inlet will boost the water flow and storage capacity during rains.

The partially filled B Channasandra Lake in Kasturinagar | EXPRESS

Abhijith MS, a member of the Kasturi Nagar Lake Rescue Team said residents toiled hard to bring to life the lost lake.

For decades, the BDA and Railway Department encroached on a major portion of the lake's land. The remaining 6.19 acres were neglected, turning it into a dumpyard, despite repeated appeals by residents to local agencies like BBMP. However, when they later discovered that the land was officially under the Forest Department, they decided to approach them directly.

Residents are now urging officials to keep the lake under the Forest Department's jurisdiction to retain ownership of the lake and to prevent further encroachment. "Next week, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre will visit the lake. We will ask him not to transfer the lake to BBMP or BDA for maintenance," Abhijith said.

EXPRESS READ

RRU introduces Master's in Financial & Eco Crime

Bengaluru: Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), an institute under the Ministry of Home Affairs, has introduced a one-year hybrid Master's in Financial and Economic Crimes programme aimed at working professionals. The course, launched on Monday, has been developed in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) to equip professionals with the skills needed to combat financial and economic crimes. Announcing the programme via video conferencing at a press conference in Bengaluru, RRU Vice Chancellor Professor Bimal N Patel said that financial regulators like RBI, SEBI, and enforcement agencies including CBI, NIA, PFRDA, and IRDAI have endorsed the course. The course is currently available at the university's main campus in Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

25TH March : Virgo is my sign of the moment. In fact, it's one of my favourite signs. This doesn't mean that I get on with all Virgoans - although I do try to! What it does mean, though, is that people born with this sign strongly placed are some of the most important individuals on the planet. Their capacity for cool, clear thinking often gets us out of tight corners!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There is no turning back. This much must be clear to you. If, on the other hand, you want to plan for the immediate future, get all your spending plans in order. Put the emphasis on long-term investments, and try to get partners to opt for safety and security.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The truth of your situation should now be becoming clear. You may, for example, be about to realise the importance of authority and tradition. At work, there is no way to evade the powers that be. Your most positive approach is to do what you have to for now, and try to turn the tables when the time is right.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may be about to amaze loved ones with a display of energy. I'm not advising you to be aggressive, but I would like to see you being more self-assertive in the very best sense. Stand up for what you know to be right. If you take the easy way out, then you won't respect yourself - and neither will other people.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There will of course be times when you don't see eye to eye with loved ones, but you may head off potential confrontations by biting your tongue, turning the other cheek and allowing people to learn from their own mistakes. That might be the best approach for them as well as for you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There is no point in advising you to ignore what is happening at home. You may get away with burying your head in the sand now but, if you do, your problems will escalate over the summer. Therefore, you must deal with all those fundamental issues, now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The general planetary set-up indicates that you are still unclear whether to press ahead with your own individual goals or muck in and help out with tasks that are primarily others' concern. The answer is to do what you want today, but do what you have to tomorrow!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You should be ready to stand up and be counted. You must also be ready to put your back into achieving special personal goals. Don't ever expect to attain these without putting in sufficient effort. The cosmos just doesn't operate like that

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Astrology is infinitely complicated and today's stars are completely overshadowed by alignments that take place in two to four days' time, so don't be mesmerised by short-term developments. Do yourself a favour by talking about your plans and discussing your hopes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The moment may have come to spring a few surprises, but there's a supreme irony here. The way you can astound people is by being utterly conservative. Radical ideas are out of date, and traditional values are in - at least for today! Tomorrow may be different!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Personally, and emotionally, this has been a trying time. Today's fascinating stars vary from being totally superficial to utterly profound. There is no middle way, so don't be complacent. You will have to decide which path you're taking and then follow it through.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Don't concern yourself with what happens today. It's the evening that counts, and if I were arranging your movements, I'd advise you to stay in bed until later. It may be impossible to fit in with such an awkward planetary schedule, but do your best!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You haven't always had a smooth ride recently. You may be in a tight corner, probably at home. But, to be perfectly frank, you could probably charm your way out of almost any situation the universe can throw at you. If in doubt, smile and win others over.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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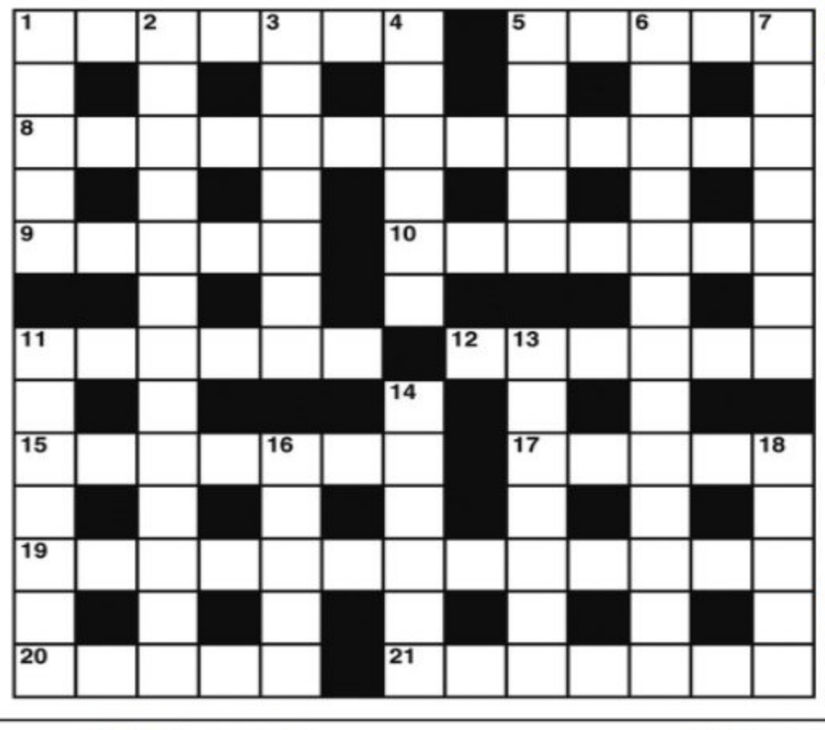

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Fancy a movie? (7)
5 Managed to be dressed like a priest (5)
8 Suspicious affair comedian is involved in (5,8)
9 A moss-strewn island of Greece (5)
10 Ill-starred men of commerce (7)
11 Chemical evidence of cannabis smoking? (6)
12 Starting with Virgo, Zodiac sign alters (6)
15 Enraged by exchange of letters (7)
17 Initially the club requires a light grip (5)
19 String reasons together somehow for an offence (13)
20 So the reformed show spirit (5)
21 Members of the orchestra who take a bow (7)

DOWN

1 Highly praises some pastries (5)
2 Her campaign to order a projector (13)
3 Greek hero oddly sly in habits (7)
4 Breaks out but the rest somehow holds up (6)
5 Country porcelain (5)
6 It is based on an earlier design (13)
7 Comes to a halt in winding side streets (7)
11 Soft childish toy causing childish chatter (7)
13 He charges a couple of hundred to the employer (7)
14 Loves one so dear perhaps (6)
16 Sprays of flowers (5)
18 Longs for trees (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Turin, 8 Scotties, 9 Sally, 10 Plantain, 11 Banns, 12 Ado, 16 Meshes, 17 Wields, 18 Hen, 23 Plied, 24 Reckless, 25 Colin, 26 Stubborn, 27 Rodeo.

Down: 2 Unabated, 3 Iolanthe, 4 Scaled, 5 Stone, 6 Midas, 7 Using, 12 Ash, 13 Own, 14 Well-to-do, 15 Adhesive, 19 Ensure, 20 Cruse, 21 Scout, 22 Clubs.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

BLOYB

CIOEV

DPAEDL

CYNNAO

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: YUMMY EVENT SOCIAL LITTLE
Answer: They worked hard to maximize efficiency at the clock factory because — TIME IS MONEY

Normal life was thrown out of gear following heavy rains accompanied by gusty wind across Hassan district since Sunday night. Banana plantation in over 50 acres in Sakleshpur, Alur and parts of Holenarasipur taluks were destroyed

WIFE, MOM-IN-LAW STABBED REALTOR TO DEATH INSIDE SUV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE murder of a realtor inside his SUV at Soladevanahalli on Saturday evening has been cracked with the arrest of his 19-year-old wife and her mother. The arrested Yashasvini and her mother Hema Bai (37) had allegedly stabbed 37-year-old Lokanath Singh to death, the police said.

Singh and Yashasvini, who were related, were in love for two years despite opposition from Yashasvini's parents over their 18-year age gap. The two got married in December last year and registered it at the registrar's office in Kunigal. Singh had allegedly coerced Yashasvini to marry him by blackmailing her that he would make public videos of their private intimate moments.

After registering their marriage, Yashasvini continued to live in her parents' house in Chikkabanavara, and her parents were not aware of the marriage. Yashasvini had recently come to know about Singh's addictions and multiple affairs. Deciding to divorce him, she told her parents that she had been married. But Singh did not want the divorce and and started harassing Yashasvini and her parents. Hema then hatched a plot to kill Singh as she was upset that her daughter's life was getting destroyed, the police said.

On Saturday, Yashasvini called Singh to Chikkabanavara and asked him to take her on a long drive. She had packed some food, which she had laced with sleeping pills. Enroute, Singh bought liquor bottles and they went near vacant plots of his property in Soladevanahalli. He ate the food and started dozing off inside the SUV. Hema, who had followed the SUV all the while in an autorickshaw, had arrived at the spot. She got into the SUV and stabbed Singh in the throat, killing him on the spot, the police said. The police are also investigating whether another person was involved in the crime.

Singh had come with his gunman to the spot. But the two women had sent the gunman to get something. By the time he returned, Singh was lying in a pool of blood, dead, and the two women nowhere to be seen. The women had escaped from the spot by taking an autorickshaw. Singh hailed from Kuduru on Magadi and was close to a Congress MLA from one of the constituencies in Ramanagara district.

Singh was accused in a case registered by the assistant commissioner of police (ACP) attached to the Byatarayanapura subdivision in November 2023. The ACP had complained against the former Byatarayanapura police inspector and his accomplice Singh. The inspector had in 2022 investigated a case that occurred in Hoskote in Bengaluru Rural police limits only to recover Rs 75 lakh that was stolen by the driver of a businessman.

Singh, who was aware of the theft, had brought it to the notice of the inspector, who managed to recover 72 lakh. The inspector used the money for personal reasons, instead of placing it in the police station or government treasury. Both the inspector and Singh were arrested in the case.

Tuberculosis: Treatment gaps among genders a worry

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) continues to be a major health concern in Karnataka, with nearly 80,000 cases reported in the state in 2024. According to the state health department, adolescents account for 4,989 cases, while non-adolescents make up 74,379 cases.

Adolescent females outnumber males, but the trend reverses in adults, where men are nearly twice as affected as women. Bengaluru city has the highest TB burden with 11,897 cases, followed by Raichur (4,364) and Kalaburagi (4,342). Among adolescents, Bengaluru city has 1,012 cases and Kalaburagi 374 cases.

World Tuberculosis Day is observed on March 24 every year.

Speaking to TNIE, District Health Officers (DHOs) posted across various districts highlighted a gap between how a man and a woman receives the care. The officials mentioned that while TB affects both men and women, social stigma and economic barriers often delay care for female patients, leading to worse outcomes. The DHOs also mentioned that they have been witnessing cases where females were abandoned by their families or prevented from marrying due to fears of infertility.

Lead Consultant, Interventional Pulmonology, Aster CMI Hospital, Dr Sunil Kumar K explained that undiagnosed TB

WORLD TB DAY

poses an increased risk of maternal mortality, preterm labour, and low birth weight in newborns. "In Karnataka, maternal health challenges persist, and untreated TB further increases these concerns. The non-specific presentation of TB symptoms in women such as fatigue, weight loss, and a persistent mild cough often leads to misdiagnosis, as these symptoms are frequently attributed to nutritional deficiencies or other common ailments. Consequently, a substantial number of TB cases in women go unrecognised and unreported, suggesting that the true burden of the disease may be significantly higher than current data indicated," Dr Sunil stressed.

The Union Health Ministry has been running schemes like 'Nikshay Poshan Yojana,' which gives TB patients Rs 1,000 per month during treatment, and Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, which provides extra nutritional support through community donations. However, despite these efforts, women battling TB say the emotional and mental toll is far worse than the financial strain.

Gayathri Nair, a teacher and member of Hosa Hambala, an NGO supporting TB patients in rural Karnataka, highlighted that even after treatment, many women struggle with skin discolouration and persistent weakness, making it difficult to return to normal life. "What affects the patients most are the ways people react to their appearance. The discrimination is worse than the disease itself," she said.

HAVING A SPLASH

With temperatures slowly rising in Bengaluru, it is not just humans who are bearing the brunt. A pigeon enjoys a cool bath on Monday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

EXPRESS READ

Ex-Bigg Boss contestants held for flashing machetes

BENGALURU: Two former contestants of Kannada Bigg Boss landed in trouble after brandishing a machete in a 18-second video that was posted on social media. The Basaveshwara Nagar police arrested the duo on Monday. The accused are Vinay Gowda and Rajath Kishan G, who have been booked under the Arms Act and other sections of BNS. Police sources said that a suo-motu case was registered based on a complaint by Police Sub-Inspector Bhanu Prakash, who had been tasked with monitoring social media platforms, on Thursday. In the video, Gowda and Kishan are seen holding a machete in a public place. They were booked under the Arms Act as their act allegedly caused fear and disturbed public peace. ENS

Customs busts exotic wildlife trafficking racket at KIA

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

CUSTOMS officials at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Sunday night rescued two endangered young monkeys that were being smuggled in suffocating conditions inside a suitcase on a flight from Malaysia to Bengaluru. The four Siamang Gibbon monkeys and two North Pigtailed Macaques have been rescued and sent back to their country, said customs sources. They were smuggled by a sole passenger by the Malaysian Airlines flight MH 192, which arrived from Kuala Lumpur to Terminal 2 of KIA, at 11.30 pm.

An official said, "Based on profiling, we narrowed down on this specific individual, who is a native of Tamil Nadu. The six monkeys were stuffed between chocolates and clothes inside a single trolley suitcase, which he had checked in at the time of boarding." "The monkeys have been flown back to

Malaysia on Monday. We have observed a rising trend in the smuggling of exotic species into Bengaluru over the past year," the official added.

A wildlife expert said Siamang Gibbon are found only in the forests of Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia. "There is a demand for exotic species to be nurtured as pets in the country presently," the exepert said. Pigtailed Macaques, found across South East Asia, are used in biomedical research as their reproductive system is very similar to humans.

Gold smuggling: Gaurav Gupta submits report

ENS @Bengaluru

ADDITIONAL chief secretary Gaurav Gupta, who was directed by the State Government to conduct an inquiry to ascertain the role of DGP K Ramchandra Rao in the gold smuggling case involving his stepdaughter and actress Ranya Rao, is said to have submitted his report to the government. The details of the findings of the inquiry is yet to be known.

On March 10, the government appointed Gupta to conduct an inquiry into the misuse of protocol privileges and the role of DGP Rao in the case. Ranya is alleged to have exploited the privileges granted to Rao to bypass security checks at airports to smuggle out gold. The government, on March 15, ordered Rao, MD of Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation, to go on compulsory leave.

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[APENDIX IV] SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
See Rule 8(1) (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & r/w Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and issued **Demand Notice dated: 17-01-2025** upon the Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor in **Loan Account No. 8885801, 1) Namboor Bhaskar,** No. 18/2, 1st Main Road, Near Chowdeshwari Residency, HBCS Layout, Ittamadu, Bangalore South, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085. **2) NB Hemalatha,** No. 18/2, 1st Main Road, Near Chowdeshwari Residency, HBCS Layout, Ittamadu, Bangalore, South Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085 Karnataka, within 60 days from the date and receipt of this notice.

The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor and the public in general, that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, R/w Rule 8 And 9, on this **24th day of March of the year 2025.**

The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor, in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd.,** for an amount of **Rs.19,49,177.19 (Nineteen Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred And Seventy Seven And Paise Nineteen Only) as on 21st day of March of the year 2025.**

The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor attention is invited to provision of Sub Section 8 of the Section 13 of the Act, inrespect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 18, Situated At 1 Main Road, Poornapragna HBCS Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Katriguppa, Ward No 54, Bengaluru-560085 Measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet. Flat bearing Municipal No. 18/2 (Pid No 54-247-18-2) Situated on the Western Side, First Floor, Super built Up Area of 1154 Sq Feet, along with 16.66% Equivalent to 400 Sq.Feet of Undivided Share, Right, Title in the larger property with One Car Parking Space in the Ground Floor, Measuring 107sq Feet. **Boundaries As: North:** Site No. 19, **South:** Site No.17, **East:** Site No. 24, **West:** Road.

Date: 24-03-2025 **For HDB Financial Services Ltd.**
Place: Bengaluru **Authorized Officer**

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Admission to JRF Programme 2025

Advt. No. PRL/JRF/01-2025

Online Applications are invited for admission to Junior Research Fellowship Programme 2025

Important Dates

- Starting of filling up of online application form: 24.03.2025
- Last date for filling up of online application form: 21.04.2025
- Interview Dates: 29-30 May and 2-3-4 June, 2025
- The upper age limit is **28** years as on **01.07.2025**

For more details and online application form please visit **https://www.prl.res.in/prl-eng/phd.**

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The Applicant/Co-Applicant/Guarantor attention is invited to provision of Sub Section 8 of the Section 13 of the Act, inrespect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.66, Pid No.95-148-66, in the Layout Formed by the BDA at Pillanna Garden, 2nd Stage Extension, BMP Ward No 95, Bangalore-560045, Measuring East to West 38+37/2 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, an all Measuring 1125 Sq.ft together with building Standing thereon and Bounded on the: **Boundaries As: North:** Site No. 67, **South:** Site No. 65, **East:** Site No. 58, **West:** Road.

Date: 24-03-2025 **For HDB Financial Services Ltd.**
Place: Bengaluru **Authorized Officer**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **SRI.ARVIND BASAPPA REDDY S/o M.Basappa Reddy,** is the absolute owner of the Land in Sy No.46/1, measuring 2 Acres 34 Guntas, Situated at Kaval Hosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and Bangalore District, bounded on: East by: Land belonging to Venkataswamy and Guru Reddy, West by: Land belonging to Thoti Bylappa of same sy no., North by: Land belonging to V.Hanumanthappa, South by: Road, the Original Document i.e., 1] Original Registered Sale Deed dated 27.12.2004 bearing Doc No. 20704/2004-05, pertaining to the above property, and **1.SRI.M. BASAPPA REDDY S/o Muniyappa, 2.SRI.CHANDRASEKARA REDDY, S/o. Sri.K.Sampangirama Reddy** are the absolute owners of the Land in Sy No.46, measuring 1 Acre 21 Guntas, Situated at Kaval Hosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and Bangalore District, bounded on: East by: Lakkana's Venkataramanappa Property, West by: Anekallappa Property., North by: Venkatesh Reddy Property, South by: Road & Narayanareddy Property. 2] Original Registered Sale Deed dated 04.05.2006/15.05.2006 bearing Doc No.5430/2006-2007, pertaining to the above property **SMT.APARNA BASAPPA REDDY D/o M.Basappa Reddy,** is the absolute owner of the Land in Sy No.46, measuring 1 Acre 13 Guntas, Situated at Kaval Hosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and Bangalore District, bounded on: East by: Land belonging to Venkata Swamy and Guru Reddy, West by: Land belonging to Chinnamma W/o.Anekalappa., North by: Land belonging to V.Hanumanthappa, South by: Land belonging to Chinnamma W/o.Anekalappa. 3] Original Registered Sale Deed dated 20.12.2004 bearing Doc No.20162/2004-2005, pertaining to the above property along with supporting documents like grant order, IHC and conversion order copies were also lost, since the lands are developed together all the originals were in the Custody of one of the owner Arvind Basappa Reddy, while traveling he had lost the above documents. In this regard Police Complaint has been lodged on 22.03.2025 in Anekal Police Station (Bengaluru Rural). It is requested to the general public that if the same are found they may be handed over at the address given below. The public are hereby warned that any transactions whatsoever with respect to the said properties would be doing at their own risk.

NIRMALA.J, ADVOCATE
N and M Associates and Advocates
Office at First Floor at Chikkapatelaru Building, Andanappa Circle, Thotada Guddadahalli, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073.
Reg No: 2750/2019 Mob: 9731762506

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

My client **Mr. Shashikumar B N,** S/o Late Neelakantaiah B N, aged about 55 Years, residing at No.C11, NDDB Campus, VIII Block, Koramangala Bangalore-95, do hereby inform to the general Public that he lost the original Sale Deed no. 8940 /94-95 dated 05/12/94 pertaining to his residential site no. 248 (Khata no. 646/735/248) at Ramanashri Layout, Gottigere, Begur ward, Bangalore. The document is lost at Koramangala, Bangalore. He also lodged a police complaint vide lost report No.1526394/2025 dated 18.03.2025 at Bangalore. If anybody finds the same, kindly handover at above said address.

GURUMURTHY .M, Advocate
No.606, 100Ft. Ring Road, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078
Ph:8139931146. Date: 24-03-2025

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ನಿಗಮ: ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಸಂ: ಕರಾನಿ/ಕಾನಿಅ/ಬೆಂ/ಕಿಅ/605/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24-03-2025

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Shri Narendra Modi, Honorable Prime Minister of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka
Shri Siddaramaiah, Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka
Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka

WORLD TB DAY

Launch of Adult BCG Vaccination Program

Beneficiaries:

- Age over 60 years
- Diabetic patients
- TB in the last five years
- Contacts of TB patients
- Smokers
- BMI less than 18

Honorable Chief Minister **Shri Siddaramaiah** and Honorable Health Minister **Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao** participated in the departmental program

Eligible beneficiaries are encouraged for vaccination and join hands to End TB

TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH 2025
TIME: 11:00AM

Sir C V Raman General Hospital
Indiranagar, Bengaluru

Symtoms of TB

- Cough more than 2 weeks
- Fever
- Night sweats
- Weight loss

Slogan for 2025:
"YES! WE CAN END TB: COMMIT, INVEST, DELIVER"

"To protect and respect our vibrant culture and tradition," is a Fundamental Duty of every citizen. This is affirmed by our constitution

Your Health, Our Priority

The High Power Committee for Redressal of Regional Imbalance under the chairmanship of renowned economist Prof M Govind Rao on Monday observed that not much development has happened on the ground even after 22 years of implementation of the recommendations of the Nanjundappa Committee Report

DKS' REMARK REFLECTS CONG MINDSET: BJP

● CM, DyCM using unconstitutional methods to appease Muslims: BYV ● Shivakumar should quit, demands JDS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru/Belagavi

BJP state president BY Vijayendra and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka on Monday hit out at Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar for his statement on 4% reservation to Muslims in contracts for government civil works. Addressing reporters in Kalaburagi, they alleged that Shivakumar's statement exposed his hidden intention of bringing amendments to the Constitution to provide reservations.

Vijayendra accused Congress leaders of favouring changes to the Constitution just for minority appeasement. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar followed unconstitutional methods to appease the Muslim community, he alleged. He claimed that Shivakumar's statement reflected the mindset of Rahul Gandhi and Siddaramaiah.

"Where are the so-called constitutionalists and Ambedkarites of @INCKarnataka hiding? KPCC President and DCM @DKShivakumar says "CONSTITUTION WILL CHANGE," says Ashoka's post on X.

The BJP leader said the Congress, during its 55 years of rule, made 77 amendments to the Constitution, including four during the Emergency. The first amendment was introduced by Nehru even before the first General Elections were held in 1952. "Shame on Congress and its hypocrisy," he said. Ashoka said by giving 4% reservation to Muslims as part of its vote bank politics, the Congress government is trying to create a rift between that community and Hindus. He said during the recent session, BJP legislators raised several issues, but the Congress government failed to provide satisfactory answers.

Meanwhile, Janata Dal Secular said Shivakumar must quit as Deputy Chief Minister for his statement. In a social media post, JDS said if the Congress high command has faith and respect for Dr BR Ambedkar, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge should seek Shivakumar's resignation.

CONGRESS GAVE CONSTITUTION TO COUNTRY, SAYS SHIVAKUMAR

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On Kharge's statement that he will not allow anybody to change the Constitution, Shivakumar said, "Ours is a party which gave the Constitution to the country. It is our duty to uphold it. It is BJP's conspiracy to cover up its own weaknesses. This is purely a conspiracy against the Congress." Asked on what basis 4% reservation in contracts for civil works is given to Muslims, he said, "It is based on a report from the Backward Classes Commission. The issue is in a court of law in Maharashtra, Haryana and a few other states. Some changes have been allowed based on the court orders in different states." Meanwhile, as the debate over the matter was on in the Rajya Sabha, former Union minister P Chidambaram telephoned Shivakumar and sought an explanation. Confirming this, Shivakumar said that in his explanation he stated that has not spoken about changing the Constitution. He also apprised Chidambaram of the state government passing a Bill providing 4% quota to Muslims under the 2B category, he added.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar poses with veteran actor Shabana Azmi and her husband lyricist Javed Akhtar in Bengaluru on Monday. Taking to X, the DyCM said that he congratulated Azmi for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent 16th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival | PIC: X

NOT SET TIME TO FILE PLAINT, SAYS RAJANNA

Tumakuru: Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna said here on Monday that he will file a complaint on the alleged honeytrap attempt at an appropriate time. "I have set no time for it," he told reporters. On Rajarajeshwari Nagar MLA Munirathna's allegation that DCM DK Shivakumar was behind the incident, Rajanna said he is not aware of it. "Let narcoanalysis be done on Munirathna, as he was close to Shivakumar sometime ago," he said. This is a strike back at Munirathna, who wanted a narcoanalysis on Rajanna.

BJP accuses State Govt of tapping Oppn leaders' phones

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka accused the Congress State Government of tapping the phones of Opposition leaders for the last two years. Speaking to the media in Bengaluru on Monday, Ashoka said that to politically target their opponents, the Congress government is tapping the phones of Opposition and Ruling party leaders. He said that Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, too, had spoken about phone tapping earlier.

"All Opposition leaders' phones are tapped. There is no doubt. The government is involved in phone tapping. It is 100%," Ashoka said. Even a ruling party legislator has claimed that his phone was tapped, Ashoka said.

On the allegation made by Ashoka, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said no one has given any complaint about phone tapping. If the complaints are filed, appropriate action will be taken, he said. The Home Minister said they have not given permission for any phone tapping.

Meanwhile, Ashoka said that Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna and his son, with the approval of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, have spoken about honey trap. This has revealed the masterminds behind it, he said. AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge held discussions with the CM and a power struggle is underway in Congress, the BJP leader said.

QUOTA SHOULD BE BASED ON FOUNDATION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy on Monday clarified his party JDS' stand on the reservation for minorities in government contracts and rubbished speculations over differences with his alliance partner BJP on the issue.

All communities that are educationally, economically, and socially weaker must get equal opportunities and benefits, he said. "However, appeasement of one particular community while neglecting multiple others is unfair and unconstitutional. This is an insult to the Constitution," Kumaraswamy said. JDS and BJP have already participated together in several pro-people struggles and will continue to do so in the future, he added.

Saying that reservation is not religion-based, the JDS leader said that it stands on the foundation of social justice and must continue that way. "This is JDS' unwavering stand," he said.

The Congress government is destroying the fundamental concept of social justice purely for vote-bank politics, the Union Minister said, adding that the Grand Old Party was using reservation as a tool for appeasement and misleading the people. "Congress is creating reservation anarchy across the country," he added.

SUSPENSION OF 18 MLAs

Khader defends his decision, warns of stricter punishments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

STRONGLY defending his decision to suspend 18 BJP MLAs for creating ruckus in the recent legislature session, Legislative Assembly Speaker UT Khader on Monday said that he will not hesitate to initiate harsher punishments, including dismissal of MLAs, who are "habitual offenders".

Khader told the media that the suspended BJP MLAs thought that they can get away by creating ruckus since it was the last day of the session and some of them, who are first-time legislators, were not even aware of the gravity of the situation.

Saying that the suspended legislators are his friends, Khader asked them to not consider the suspension as punishment, but an opportunity to transform themselves into good public representatives and mend their ways. "There is nothing bigger than the House and the Chair," he said.

Khader maintained that none, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, had any role to play in his decision to suspend the MLAs, and added that the move was necessary to uphold the dignity of the House, the Chair, the Constitution and the honour of the state.

Khader said that if the past Speakers had taken a tough decision, then such a situation would not have arisen. "They had no courage... I had the courage, and hence I took the decision," he said.

Stating that dissent is the beauty of democracy, Khader said there was no need for such a protest even after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had assured to conduct a probe into the allegations of honey trap and also consider their demands for CBI inquiry. "Their intention was to block the passage of the Finance Bill. If the Bill was not passed on the last day of the session, then the state would have been unable to spend even a pie affecting the disbursement of salaries and developmental works. My main aim was to ensure the passage of the Bill," he said.

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Speaker UT Khader

VIDHANA SOUDHA ILLUMINATION

Legislative Assembly Speaker UT Khader said that the works on the permanent illumination of Vidhana Soudha is complete, and it will be inaugurated by CM Siddaramaiah in the first week of April. Vidhana Soudha will be illuminated every Saturday and Sunday from 6 pm to 9 pm. Hitherto, he said it was illuminated on special occasions like national festivals and it used to cost Rs 15 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.

KETHAGANAHALLI LAND CASE

'Don't take coercive steps against HDK till Mar 27'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Monday directed the state government not to take coercive steps till March 27 against Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy over the alleged encroachment of government land in Kethaganahalli of Ramanagara taluk.

Justice NS Sanjay Gowda passed the order after recording the undertaking given by the state government while hearing Kumaraswamy's petition, questioning the legality of the notice dated March 18, 2025. The Ramanagara tahsildar had issued a notice to Kumaraswamy under Section 104 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, stating that he has allegedly encroached government land bearing Survey No. 7 to 9 in Kethaganahalli.

Contending that the notice is without the authority of law, bad and untenable, Kumaraswamy said the tahsildar lacks jurisdiction to issue the notice and it is a violation of Sections 104, 94 and 67 of the Karnataka Land Revenue (Third Amendment Act), 2024, which came into effect on January 10, 2025.

His counsel argued the tahsildar issued the notice now, while the land was purchased in 1985. He argued that Kumaraswamy has not been made a party in the contempt proceedings initiated before the HC and it has been challenged before the supreme court on March 22, he argued.

The additional advocate general argued that the tahsildar has the power to issue notice as per the amendment made in 2025. He said time is needed to submit the records supporting tahsildar's action and till then no coercive steps will be taken against the petitioner. The court adjourned the hearing to March 27. Kumaraswamy contended that the authorities had initiated proceedings against him on the same land earlier. After he furnished the necessary information and documents, the authorities dropped all proceedings against him. Kumaraswamy said he has all the documents and he has been in lawful possession of the land for almost four decades.

He stated that the notice mentioned four orders or documents, but three were not furnished to him. He alleged that he was not given an opportunity by the authorities before preparing the alleged reports dated February 12 and March 15, 2025. But the officials orally informed him about the survey on March 15, he charged.

CABINET TO DECIDE ON MILK PRICE HIKE, SAYS SIDDARAMAIAH

BENGALURU: CM Siddaramaiah on Monday said the Karnataka government will decide on increasing milk prices after placing the proposal before the Cabinet. He, however, said the purpose of milk unions is to help farmers and not make a profit. Siddaramaiah met representatives of various milk unions and office-bearers of the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) in Bengaluru on Monday and elicited opinions from them. He said the profit has to be transferred to farmers. "This is the government's stand," he said. The CM instructed the unions to reduce their expenses and advised them not to hire more people than required on contract. "This is increasing expenses, and such unnecessary expenses have pushed unions towards losses," he said. Three milk unions are facing losses. The CM told them that their administration expenses should not cross 2% of their overall expenditure and set a three-month deadline to reduce their expenses. Meanwhile, the CM said that milk prices in Karnataka are lower than in other states. KMF Chairman Bhima Naik told reporters that a decission has already been taken to increase milk price. Naik said they have not decided whether to increase it by Rs 3 per litre or Rs 5. The Cabinet will decide it on Thursday, he said.

Folk artistes perform ahead of Karnataka Sahitya Academy awards at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Mulling to give Rajyotsava awards without calling for applications'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Kannada and Culture and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Shivaraj S Tangadagi has expressed the need to recognise deserving individuals for Kannada Rajyotsava awards based on their achievements, rather that inviting applications for the award.

Speaking at the Karnataka Sahitya Academy awards distribution ceremony on Monday, the minister emphasised that awards should not be sought but rather conferred upon those who truly deserve them and that awards should be delivered to the recipients' doorsteps, thereby enhancing their value. "I will discuss this with the CM and DyCM," Tangadagi said. He said that literary figures in the state had largely supported the idea of awarding the Rajyotsava awards without applications but invited further suggestions. "There must be a public discussion on the matter," he added.

Dr C Veeranna, Dr Sriram Ittannanavar, Janagere Venkataramayya, AM Madari and Dr Sabiha Bhoomigowda were presented the Academy's 2023 Honorary Awards, while 10 others were presented with the Sahitya Shri Awards for their contributions to literature and culture.

All corporators of Vijayapura Corpn disqualified

ENS @ Vijayapura

IN a significant development, all 35 members of the Vijayapura City Corporation have been disqualified following an order issued by Belgaum Regional Commissioner Sanjay Shettennavar on Monday. The disqualified members include 17 from BJP, 10 from Congress, one from JDS, two from MIM, and five independents, all elected in the 2022 municipal elections.

The issue came to light after the civic body's asset declaration forms, mandated by law, were not submitted by any member following the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections held on January 9, 2024. Congress member Mehejabin Horti was elected as Mayor, while Dinesh Halli secured the Deputy Mayor position.

Questions over the non-submission of asset declarations promptedformer member Prakash Mirji Mainuddin Bilagi to approach theKalaburagi High Court. The court subsequently directed the governmentto take appropriate action. After a thorough inquiry, the decision was made to disqualify all 35 members, raising the possibility of fresh elections to reconstitute the corporation.

GOOD NEWS

Summer rain brings joy, farmers can look at 2 crops

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

HERE'S good news for farmers: With summer showers expected to be good, they can harvest two crops this year. Experts are suggesting that farmers take up short-term crops before the monsoon. Not just double cropping in a year, good pre-monsoon showers hold many benefits which were not recorded substantially in the past many years. With the Met department forecasting good rain in April and May, farmers are about to reap these benefits.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, former director, Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre, Srinivas Reddy said with groundwater depletion, the quality and quantity of water would have dropped. However, good showers in April and May would recharge groundwater, improving its quality and quantity.

Reddy said the rain would bring down dependency on borewells, and indirectly help farmers to cut down energy consumption. Not just this, rain would also help in greening grasslands, which serve as fodder for cattle, again helping farmers in a big way.

According to experts, this year, farmers can take up two crops. They can start sowing 80-85 day crops like cowpea, green gram or even tomatoes, and harvest them by June, claimed Prof Rajegowda, former registrar, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru.

This year, the Northeast monsoon was deficient at many places, however, rain in the last couple of days is helping soil gain moisture, and farmers are gearing up to sow pre-monsoon crops. Farmers from Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, Mandya and parts of Hassan have already started preparing land for sowing.

Agriculture Minister N Cheluvarayaswamy said they are aware that pre-monsoon showers will be good this year. "After many years, pre-monsoon showers are good. Farmers in many parts of Karnataka have started agricultural activities and we have directed officials from the taluk level to the Raitha Samparka Kendra to supply the required seeds and fertilizers to farmers," he added.

Hailstones in summer are not good for crops, especially those which are ready to flower or for harvest. Experts have also cautioned farmers to be wary of lightning and thunder, which is common during summer showers. "We appeal to them not to step out," said Reddy.

'Not yet': Council Chairman Horatti clears air over resignation

HUBBALLI: Legislative Council Chairman **Basavaraj Horatti** on Monday clarified that he is yet to resign from his post. This comes a day after a section of the media reported that he had resigned as Council Chairman. "I have thought about resigning, and a decision in this regard will be made in the next 3-4 days," Horatti said. Horatti said that the letter he signed is with him, but an unsigned letter has been leaked from his office and has gone viral on social media, claiming that he had resigned. Expressing concern over the conduct of members in the Upper House, the eight-time MLC said that there was no respect for senior members in the House. "It has become a platform for chaos and controversies, including issues like honey traps. Times have deteriorated. Respect for the Council has been lost. In such a situation, I am contemplating whether I should continue as the chairman. Hence, I have thought about resigning," he said. He, however, said that his close associates have urged him not to step down. **ENS**

A 23-year-old woman jumped from a running MMTS train after a 25-year-old man allegedly attempted to rape her in Hyderabad. The incident occurred on March 22, Saturday, at approximately 8:15 pm near Suchithra. She hails from Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh

TN MPs WILL MEET PM FOR FAIR DELIMITATION PROCESS: STALIN

DMK chief says state's awareness campaign had national impact

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

TAMIL NADU Chief Minister M K Stalin on Monday announced in the Assembly that a delegation of 39 MPs from the state would soon call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to press for a fair delimitation of Lok Sabha seats. It is to retrieve the rights of Tamil Nadu, and that of similarly placed other states by taking forward the "Tamil Nadu will fight, Tamil Nadu will win" slogan, the CM said.

Addressing the Assembly on the Joint Action Committee meeting held in Chennai on March 22 for a fair delimitation, the CM said the state's awareness campaign on the issue has had a national impact. "Through this House, I wholeheartedly thank the principal opposition party -- the AIADMK – and other parties that took part in the all-party meeting and those that are part of the JAC," he said. One of the resolutions adopted by the JAC meeting said, "The core committee of MPs shall submit a joint representation on the above lines to the PM during the ongoing parliamentary session."

Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin addresses the Assembly in Chennai on Monday | EXPRESS

The CM recalled that the Tamil Nadu Assembly, for the first time in the country, adopted a unanimous resolution on February 14, highlighting how the democratic rights and political representation of states would be affected due to the 2026 delimitation. A resolution was adopted later during the all-party meeting convened on March 5, urging the PM to unequivocally assure the Parliament that the 1971 Census would remain the basis for delimitation for 30 years (till 2056), the CM recalled. The resolution also demanded a Constitutional amendment in this regard, he said.

Stalin said the first JAC meeting -- attended by the CMs of several states -- adopted a resolution demanding that the freeze on parliamentary constituencies based on the 1971 Census be extended by another 25 years as it was done in 2001.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar wears the ornamental gear gifted by his predecessor K Surendran in Thiruvananthapuram | VINCENT PULICKAL

Rajeev takes over as Kerala BJP prez

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram

SENDING out a clear political message by invoking renaissance leader Sree Narayana Guru sooktham 'Become enlightened through education, strengthen through organisation, and prosperous through hard work', Rajeev Chandrasekhar took over as the BJP state president on Monday.

In an apparent indication of his focus for the party's future in Kerala, Rajeev said what the people of Kerala needed is not the nokkukooli Kerala, but the prosperous, industrious, investment friendly and the one which provides opportunities to the youth."

This message should be reached in each house in the state. Kerala should become developed so that the people would also become prosperous. For that a NDA- BJP government should be in power in the state. My task is to bring the BJP- NDA government in power in Kerala. I will only retreat after accomplishing this. The BJP should have political success in the state," he said, in his first address to party leaders and workers after taking over.

"Youth go to other states looking for opportunities. A change is the need of the hour. Kerala's state of affairs is like the 2014 of the national stage, when Modi came to power for the first time. In 2014, India was in economic distress," he said.

People's burden: Smart meter, extra charges

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IF the recent 36-paise per unit surcharge in the electricity bill is not bad enough, there are more taxes in the pipeline.

According to energy department officials, consumers taking new or temporary connections have to pay for the smart meter and service charges. Further, all existing consumers have to contribute to service charges of smart meters installed for new consumers, in their electricity bills. This amount will only increase over time, as the number of meters will keep going up.

The recently introduced surcharge -- said to be the government's contribution towards the pension and gratuity of the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited and Escoms employees – will reflect in power bills in May.

As the energy department prepares to replace all existing electro-static meters (ESM) with smart meters in sync with Central government schemes and rules, experts have strongly opposed the financial burden on consumers. These additional charges are being imposed even before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) announces a hike in power tariff.

KPCL Managing Director Pankaj Kumar Pandey told the media on Monday that directions for installation of smart meters were issued by the Central government. Barring Karnataka and Telangana, it is being done in bulk in 28 states.

"As per KERC directions, smart meters have been introduced for new and temporary consumers. These meters are essential for bringing in transparency. As we are working to introduce separate day and night time tariffs, smart meters are essential," he said, adding that there is an annual growth of 2 to 3 per cent of new consumers. He said a committee comprising IIIT and IISc experts has been formed to review progress and performance from April 1 on the implementation of smart meters. Three committees have also been formed under Bescom Director and Additional Chief Secretary Gaurav Gupta and Pandey, to review the work done so far.

While an ESM costs Rs 1,000, the smart meter costs Rs 4,998. Apart from this, an additional Rs 75 is charged per meter per month for Advanced Metering Infrastructure Service Provider (AMISP) and other service charges; this Rs 75 is distributed to all consumers across the state, irrespective of their type of meter, Pandey said.

Explaining the cost, Gupta said consumers are not forced to pay for the meter in one shot. The amount is collected in a time-bound manner. Consumers have to buy the meter just like other electrical equipment. The charges have been derived after detailed discussions; the market price of a smart meter varies from Rs 4,500 to Rs 6,000. FKCCI energy committee member MG Prabhakar said: "As per the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, a meter is owned by the licencee. Consumers should not be asked to pay for it. They can be asked to pay security deposit which must be returned during cancellation/shifting. The energy department is violating the Commission's orders. Asking consumers to pay for meter services is impermissible." Muralidhar Rao, civic and energy expert, said Karnataka should learn from Delhi, where smart meters have been installed, but consumers have not been financially burdened.

Power demand crossed 18,000MW in Jan-Feb

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@Bengaluru

WITH summer upon us, the demand for power has shot up, with peak demand exceeding 18,000MW in the past two months. In February 2025, peak demand reached 18,350MW, and on March 7, it touched 18,395MW.

Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) Managing Director Pankaj Kumar Pandey said the upward trend is expected to continue, and touch 18,500MW in April. He told the media on Monday that there has been a 15 per cent spike in power demand from the agricultural sector, with farmers going in for additional cropping due to heavy rainfall.

He added that maximum demand in 2020-21 was 14,367MW, 14,818MW in 2021-22, 15,828MW in 2022-23, and 17,220MW in 2023-24. Calculations show the estimated demand in April would be around 18,294MW, up from 16,985MW last April. Similarly, demand will rise to 17,122MW in May, compared to 16,826MW last May.

Pandey said adequate measures have been taken to meet demand, like entering into agreements with Punjab and Uttar Pradesh to procuring power under power exchange agreements ranging from 100-1400MW.

Additional Chief Secretary of Energy Departnment Gaurav Gupta during the meet on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

"Additionally, from March 1-15, an extra 310MW of power was procured from NTPC, and from March 15, 100MW has been acquired. Under the fuel security policy, PSCKL has agreed to receive 1,000MW of electricity per month from other states till May end," Additional Chief Secretary, energy department, Gaurav Gupta said.

Karnataka yet to effect central meter scheme

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited Managing Director Shivashankara said the power ministry introduced the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in 2021-22. Most states have implemented it, but not Karnataka. Under this scheme, the Centre provides 60 per cent funding for developing electrical infrastructure, apart from 15 per cent of the total cost or Rs 900, to replace smart meters. However, Karnataka did not implement the scheme as it had not cleared its pending dues, and could not take the subsidy benefits. Shivashankara said that had RDSS been accepted, all customers would have been required to install smart meters. Under RDSS, the pricing for smart meters and software is determined. Most states have implemented RDSS, in which electricity supply companies purchase and install smart meters for customers, , subsequently recovering the meter cost and technical maintenance in the electricity tariff.

RESERVATION

Follow SC rule, have quota for women: HC to advocates' assns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Monday said that all advocates' associations in the state will have to implement the directions of the apex court to the Advocates' Association of Bengaluru (AAB), concerning reservation for women advocates while conducting elections.

Justice M Nagaprasanna stated in his order, while allowing the petition filed by a few women members of Tumakuru District Advocates' Association, to create an additional post of joint secretary and two posts of executive committee member to be reserved for women advocates.

The petitioners stated that they had written a letter on March 5 to the Returning Officer and Association president, requesting 33 per cent reservation of the total existing posts for women.

Taking note of the recent Supreme Court order, which directed the Advocates' Association of Bengaluru to earmark the post of treasurer for women candidates, the high court observed that reservation for women would amount to some solace for the present women lawyers, but this cannot be temporary. The apex court's direction should be implemented in all Bar Associations while conducting elections, the high court added.

The court also said women lawyers cannot be discriminated against and denied relief of reservation in other Bar Association elections. Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution would become applicable to the case of the petitioners, as women advocates cannot be discriminated against on the score that they are women and are not entitled for reservation in every Bar Association election.

The high court also observed that it is not only morally compelling but also legally expedient for all the Bar Associations to provide equal rights to women with respect to representation.

Singers perform at the 'Jago Hindustani' event conducted by The New Indian Express in Vijayapura on Monday | D HEMANTH

TNIE's 'Jago Hindustani' event leaves a lasting impact

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Vijayapura

THE event called 'Jago Hindustani' was hosted by *The New Indian Express* and turned out to be a patriotically memorable day as the attendants enjoyed and were enthralled with the patriotic songs. The event commemorated the Martyrs' Day by organising a musical event which was presented by Kolhapur-based troupe 'Swarninad'. The troupe has been performing in *TNIE's* all 'Jago Hindustani' programmes' conducted in the past too in different parts of the state on different occasions.

The patriotic event was inaugurated by Col Girish B Shinde, NCC 36 Karnataka Battalion of Vijayapura. In his inaugural address, Col Shinde praised the effort of *TNIE* for hosting such a patriotic event. "I am humbled and immensely honoured to be part of this event which is spreading nationalist feeling. The event will surely recall the contributions of our martyrs who laid down their lives during the freedom movement," he said. Giving a clear definition of a good and nationalist citizen, he said that one need not always be a uniformed person to show his or her patriotism.

"Even as a common Indian citizen, you can be a good nationalist if you remember your duties and responsibility towards the nation. One should talk of duties before talking of rights. The Indian Army is doing a commendable job on borders, but citizens who are living in the country must also do their duties promptly," he said.

Deputy Commissioner T Bhoobalan, the advertisement, circulation and technical department staff of *TNIE* including Satish Joshi, Dhananjay Hongal, Sanjay Nagaralli, Andros Solomon and others were present.

EXPRESS READ

Two SSLC students beaten up for teasing girl

Bengaluru: TWO SSLC students were beaten with sticks by five men for allegedly teasing a girl in Gangondanahalli. The accused are the relatives of the girl. Two of the accused are absconding. The boys, who were beaten up between 8.30pm and 9pm on March 17 are under treatment at Victoria Hospital. The next day, A Shabbir, father of one of the boys, filed a complaint against Sufian, Jubair and three others. Shabbir is an auto driver while Akbar, father of the other victim, is a mechanic. They reside in the same locality. Police have detained three accused and a search is on for the other two.

Cancer detection camp organised

Bengaluru: Railway Hospital at Rail Wheel Factory in Yelahanka, in collaboration with HCG hospital, organised a cancer detection camp for its employees and their dependents. The camp included screening for oropharyngeal cancers, breast and cervical cancer for women. The programme began with a cancer awareness talk by Dr Sreenivas BJ, MD, DNB (Medical Oncology), Consultant Medical Oncologist, who discussed various aspects of cancer prevention from an Indian perspective. The event was also attended by Dr VV Ajith Kumar, PCMO, along with other senior doctors from the railway hospital.

Vyshnavi Hospitals opens multi-specialty facility

Bengaluru: Vyshnavi Hospitals opened its state-of-the-art multi-specialty healthcare facility on Sunday, offering advanced medical care across key disciplines. The hospital's new unit will offer specialised services in Urology and Andrology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dermatology and Cosmetology, General Medicine, Orthopedics, and 24/7 Emergency Care. Hari Prasad Shetty, Managing Director of Vyshnavi Hospitals, emphasised the institution's commitment to bridging the gap between quality healthcare.

CM will start executing internal quota after panel's interim report: Dr G

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HOME Minister **Dr G Parameshwara** here on Monday said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will start implementing internal reservation for Scheduled Castes soon after the Justice Nagamohan Das committee submits its interim report in a week.

The CM held a meeting with SC ministers, including Parameshwara, KH Muniyappa, RB Timmapur, Shivraj Thangadgi, Dr HC Mahadevappa, Priyank Kharge and Justice Nagmohan Das, at his residence.

After attending the meeting, Parameshwara told the media that the Congress government is committed to implement internal reservation. "We have mentioned it in our party's election manifesto. Empirical data will provide a definite opinion, said Justice Nagamohan Das at the meeting," he informed.

"Our party and the government are committed to the Constitution. We have organised the Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim and Jai Constitution convention in Belagavi," he said replying to the controversy surrounding DCM DK Shivakumar, who has allegedly said the Constitution will be changed to accommodate 4% reservation in government contracts for those falling under the 2B category.

Social Welfare Minister Mahadevappa said Justice Nagmohan Das updated the ministers on the committee's progress.

He said, "We had a long discussion based on the data and Justice Nagmohan Das will submit an interim report within a week. We will decide based on the report. All issues including empirical data were discussed. Our government is committed to implementing internal reservation. No community has sought any particular percentage of reservation. Almost all departments have provided data. We will take action as per Supreme Court guidelines," he said.

No backlog posts, promotions or appointments will be made until internal reservation is implemented, he added.

Strength of cloud has role in its movement, rain: IISc study

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IT is not just winds and local convection that play a role in deciding the intensity rainfall, but also the density of the clouds travelling from the oceans. A study by researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) shows that the the strength of a cloud band (collection of clouds) plays a key role in their movement and the density of rains in the monsoon. Professor and Chair of Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (CAOS) and co-author of the study paper, PN Vinayachandran, said that it also plays a role in the intensity of rain that is received in short spells. He said that the propagation has not changed, but the amount of rainfall over the years has increased owing to increased moisture-holding capacity of clouds.

The study titled- 'Equatorial convection controls boreal summer intraseasonal oscillations in the present and future climates' shared on Monday was also published in NPJ-Climate and Atmospheric Science-journal in February. In the study, researchers said that India receives 80% of its annual rainfall from June to September. The wet and dry spells during this season are controlled by the Boreal Summer Intraseasonal Oscillation (BSISO, also called monsoon intraseasonal oscillations). They bring clouds from the equator to the Indian subcontinent. The duration of the wet spell is determined by the size and strength of the cloud band, Vinayachandran explained. Researchers studied data from the last 16 years.

Aditya Kottapalli, PhD student at CAOS and co-author of the paper said, "We have shown that if the cloud band in the equator is weak to start with, then it cannot propagate northwards, unlike what previous literature stated." The IISc team examined gaps in predictions among existing climate models and combined projections from highly efficient models to determine what factors drive the movement of BSISO. They found that the robust northward propagation of BSISO occurs only when the equatorial cloud band is strong. This strong cloud band increases moisture in the atmosphere over the subcontinent, via stronger winds, and triggers northward propagation.

"It was found that the air-sea interaction in the equatorial Indian Ocean played a major role in driving wet spells in India. This is likely to change in future because the atmosphere would be warmer," Vinayachandran said.

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER No.-2

Bid of short term procurement of supply of complete Ladies & Gents Bicycles procurement is inviting form interest bidders up to **27-03-2025 time 11:00 AM.** Other particulars of the bid may be visiting on the procurement portal **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** & **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** of the site.

S. No.	Item / Description of work	Estimated cost (In Rupees)	UBN
01.	Supply of Complete Ladies & Gents Bicycles 20"	1,03,12,326/-	EDU2425GLOB00125

DIPR/C/4195/2025 (Bhera Ram) Dist. Education Officer, (HQ.) Secondary, Jalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Caution Notice against Unauthorised Website

This caution notice is being addressed on behalf of our Client, United Way of Bengaluru which operates as a part of United Way Worldwide, the largest NGO Network in order to serve the marginalized communities across various districts and states.

The general public is hereby cautioned that certain unknown individuals and agencies have been trying to mislead the public by posing as representatives of our Client/ United Way Bengaluru www.uwbengaluru.org. through a duplicate website https://uwbtrust.co.in/ These individuals are soliciting activities under the pretext of being associated with our Client/ United Way by unauthorizedly using the United Way information, logo and address and thereby impersonating the United Way team.

We wish to caution the general public that our Client/United Way of Bengaluru has never authorized any person or agency to solicit their activities and promote their services through any online platform and deceive the public.

Please be advised that any person willingly corresponding with such individuals and website in any manner whatsoever will be doing so at their own risk, as to costs and consequences.

We wish to inform you that our client has initiated legal proceedings against these individuals and agencies, and reserves the right to initiate any further legal action against all individuals involved in such activity.

Krutika Raghavan Associates on behalf of United Way of Bengaluru

Krutika Raghavan Associates,
#316, Raheja Chambers, Museum Road, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560001

United Way of Bengaluru will never solicit donations through website

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the General Public that my client, **SMT.N.KAVITHA**, Wife of Prabhakar.S.S., Residing at No.587, 8TH Main, AECS Layout, Singasandra, BANGALORE-560068, are intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **SRI.GANESH KUMAR.C**, Son of H.Channaiah, Aged about 35 years, Residing at Shettahalli Road, Ward No.4, NES Extension, Malavalli, Mandya, Karnataka-571430. and **SRI.MANJUNATHA.T**, Son of Thimmaiah, Aged about 57 years, Residing at No.1, Maruthi Layout, The Paradise Residential School, Basapura, Begur Hobli, BENGALURU-560068.

Any person/s, firms, institutions, brokers, agents, or any other body having or claim in anymanner or right, title, claim, lien or interest in the Schedule Property may intimate the same inwriting to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 7 days** from the date of this notification, failing which, our client will be advised to proceed withthe conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential immovable vacant Property bearing **Site No.4**, BBMP Katha.715/45/28, Khatha S.L.715, Assessment No.45/28, measuring: East to West 39/2 feet (North Side.39.2 feet and South Side.39.2 feet) And North to South 30 feet (East Side.30 feet and West Side.30 feet), Totally measuring 1176 Sq.feet, formed in Sy No.45/28, duly converted from Agricultural to Non Agricultural purpose vide Conversion Order Application No.267795, dated:11/10/2021, Orders passed by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District, Situated at CHIKKATHOGUR Village, Presently Comes Under BBMP Limits, Ward No.192, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban district and bounded on:

East by : Private property. West by : Road.
North by : Site No.3. South by : Site No.5.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of theResidential immovable vacant Property bearing **Site No.5**, BBMP Katha.715/45/28, Khatha S.L. No.715, Assessment No.45/28, measuring: East to West 39.2 + 39/2 feet (North Side.39.2 feet and South Side.39 feet) And North to South 30 feet (East Side.30 feet and West Side.30 feet), Totally measuring 1173.Sq.feet, formed in Sy No.45/28, duly converted from Agricultural to NonAgricultural purpose vide Conversion Order Application No.267795, dated:11/10/2021, Orders passed by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District, Situated at CHIKKATHOGUR Village, Presently Comes Under BBMP Limits, Ward No.192, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban district and bounded on.

East by : Private property West by : Road.
North by : Site No.4 South by : Site No.6

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	33649630000550	1) Mrs. Nagamma, 2) Mr. Hanumaiah	16-01-2025 Rs.3,18,297.12 (Rupees Three Lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven and Twelve Paisa Only) due as on 15-01-2025	Date: 22-03-2025 Time: 12: 05 PM Symbolic Possession

Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel for Property No.142, Measuring 30 X 40, situated at Sheshagiri Colony, Manchanayakanahalli Gram Panchayath, Manchanayakanahalli Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Suddamma, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Nagamma, **South by:** Ramesh.

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Rural
Date: 25.03.2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB)

Plot No.R-7, Market Yard, Gultekadi, Pune 411037. **Ph.: 020-24528100 / 24528200**
Web : www.msamb.com, Email: export@msamb.com

E-Tender Notice

MSAMB with support from MAGNET Project has developed Fruit and Vegetable Handling Facility, at Baramati, Dist: Pune. E-Tenders are being invited for the Selection of Agency to Operate, Maintain & Manage the said facility. The e-Tender document with detailed guidelines is available on the website http://mahatenders.gov.in. The last date for submission of the **e-Tender is 8/4/2025.** Amendments / modification / date extension to the tender document will be uploaded on **http://mahatenders.gov.in** only.

Managing Director

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ,

ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ, ಬಿರಸಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಹುಂದಾಣ ಹೋಬಳಿ,
ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು-562110.
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: dudc_blr@yahoo.co.in, dudc.blrrural@gmail.com

ಸಂ: ಜಿನಕೋ/ಬೆಂಗ್ರಾಜಿಲ್ಲೆ/ತಾಶಾ/ಇಆರ್/21/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.03.2025

ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಅಮೃತ್ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ (ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ) ಹಂತ 4ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿದಂತೆ ಬೋರ್‌ವೆಲ್ ಕೊರೆಸುವುದು. ಮೋಟರ್ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ, ಪೈಪ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ, ಮನೆ ನಳ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವುದು ಈ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹ, ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ 90 ದಿನಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಸಿಂಧುತ್ವ ಅವಧಿಯಿಳ್ಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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1	DMA/2024-25/WS/ WORK_INDENT 29766_call-2	100.00	84.74	03.04.2025	04.04.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆಯಿಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು **KPPP Procurement Portal** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪೂರ್ವ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ ಕಚೇರಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹಗೊಂಡ ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸಹಿ/-

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ವಾಸಸಂಇ/ಸಿಬ/ಎಎಎ/5878/2024-25

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED

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TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 28/24-25 Dt: 25.03.2025

(Through KPP Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The Senior Manager (Materials)" for the following Indents.

Sl. No.	Description	EMD in Rs.
1	Construction of water storage tank at UGM. **HGML/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT101.**	25,000/-
2	Supply of Vegetables and Greens for Main Canteen and all Sub Canteens use, 06 Months Requirement on Staggered Delivery Basis. **HGML/2024-25/IND0262/CALL-2.**	67,000/-
3	Supply of Hard wear Plates for Sag mill plant and Crusher Chutes. **HGML/2024-25/IND0264.**	63,000/-
4	Supply of Cotton Canvas Hand Gloves. **HGML/2024-25/IND0305.**	42,000/-
5	Supply of Laboratory Rolls Crusher with Motor. **HGML/2024-25/IND0308.**	16,000/-
6	Supply Of Xrf Gold Purity Analyzer Along With Accessories. **HGML/2024-25/IND0311.**	64,000/-

Calendar of events: **(1)** Last date for receipt of Tender: **08-04-2025 at 4.00 PM. (2)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **11-04-2025 at 10.00 AM.** For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in KPP Portal.

Sd/- Senior Manager (Materials)

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Regd. & Corporate Office: Yes Bank House, Off Western Express Highway, Santacruz East, Mumbai 400055.
CIN: L65190MH2003PLC143249, **E-mail:** communications@yesbank.in, **Website:** www.yesbank.in
Branch Address: YES Bank Limited, Brindavan Building, Raj Ram Mohan Roy Road, Sampangi Ramnagar, Bangalore - 560025.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the Overdraft facilities obtained by them from the Bank and whose facility account has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on their last known addresses but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.1	Agreement No.: 092484600000114, 924LA40201990001	Type of Loan: Overdraft and Working Capital Term Loan	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs. Rs.2,23,01,303.92/-	NPA Date: 28-Jul-2024	Notice Date: 03-03-2025

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: M/S. S L V Marketing (Borrower) **Sri. M V Raghuram, (Proprietor of M/s. S L V Marketing), Guarantor: Sri.MV Raghuram Guarantor and** (legal representative and son of late Sowbhagyamma R), **Smt.YN Nandhini, Smt.M V Shobha, Smt. M V Vijayalakshmi,Sri.M.V.Ramesh, Sri.M.V. Srinivas.**

Details of secured asset:

Item No.1: Property bearing no.1 formed in Sy. No. 10 having PID No.54-82-1, situated in Sri Lakshminarasimha Housing Society Limited, now Sir MV Marg behind Vidyapeeta, BSK III Stage Bangalore, measuring east to west 51 + 50/2 feet and north to west 35.6 feet. East by: Road, West by: Site No.13, North by: Road, South by: Site No.2

All that piece and parcel of residential house property situated at Site No.670, bearing New Municipal No.29, Old PID No.52-48-29, New PID No.155-W0215-6 situated at Sunkenahalli, Adjacent Sites extensions, Bangalore, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Old ward no.52, New ward no.155, AA NA Subbarao Road, Hanumanth Nagar Bangalore, measuring east to west 7.02 meters or 23 feet and north to south 10.97 meters or 36.00 feet in total 77.00 square meters or 828 square feet. East by : Site No.669, West by: Site No.670/A, North by: Site No.671/A, South by: Road

Sr. No.2	Agreement No.: 924LA17170900001	Type of Loan: Loan Against Property TL	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs.2,009,569.53/-	NPA Date: 28-Jul-24	Notice Date: 3-3-2025

Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagors: **: 1)Mr.Mugadalabetta Venkataramaiah Raghuram (Borrower), Guarantor: M/S. S L V Marketing, Sri. M V Raghuram ,(Proprietor of M/s. S L V Marketing) Smt.YN Nandhini, (Proprietor of M/s. S L V Marketing) Smt. M V Vijayalakshmi, Smt. M V Shobha, Sri. M.V.Ramesh, Sri.M.V.Srinivas.**

Details of secured asset: Property bearing no.1 formed in Sy. No. 10 having PID No.54-82-1, situated in Sri Lakshminarasimha Housing Society Limited, now Sir MV Marg behind Vidyapeeta, BSK III Stage Bangalore, measuring east to west 51 + 50/2 feet and nort to west 35.6 feet. East by: Road, West by: Site No.13, North by: Road, South by: Site No.2 All that piece and parcel of residential house property bearing Site No.670, New Municipal No.29, Old PID No.52-48-29, New PID No.155-W0215-6 situated at Sunkenahalli, Adjacent Sites extensions, Bangalore, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Old ward no.52, New ward no.155, AA NA Subbarao Road, Hanumanth Nagar Bangalore, measuring east to west 7.02 meters or 23 feet and north to south 10.97 meters or 36.00 feet in total 77.00 square meters or 828 sqaure feet. East by : Site No.669, West by: Site No.670/A, North by: Site No.671/A, South by: Road.

Sr. No.3	Agreement No.: MOR002201059489	Type of Loan: MOR Loan	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs.10,634,351.22	NPA Date: 15-May-24	Notice Date: 17-2-2025

Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagors: **: Applicant: 1. Santhosh Babu R, 2.Co-Applicant: Smt. Jayanthi.M. Co-Applicant -2: Mr. Rathnappa, , 3. Co-Applicant : M/S. Phoenix CNC Solution**

Details of secured asset: All the piece and parcel of the property being Eastern Portion of the property bearing Katha No.1028, 1803,1807 and 1810 of the City Municipal council T. Dasarahalli(Formerly Part of Sy. No. 13/3A of Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore) now in the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Pallike, Ward No.15, Bangalore measuring East to West: 13 feet:, North to South: (65+63)/2 Feet and bounded on : East by: Property belonging to Byatappa, West by: 10feet Common Passage covered under letter CDEF and thereafter Property allotted to the share of Mr.Balakrishna, i.,e Second Party., North by: Property belonging to Munishamappa, South by: Metro and N.H4(Bangalore to Tumkur Road)

Sr. No.4	Agreement No.: HLN002201773167 & HLN002201794809	Type of Loan: HLN	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs.52,32,776.76/-	NPA Date: 5th August 2024	Notice Date: 28-2-2025

Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagors: **: Mr.Gurumurthy, Mrs.Rachana.**

Details of secured asset: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Apartment No.SF-209 in the second floor having present BBMP Khatha No.34/1/61, having super built up are of 100Sqft and undivided share of 275Sqft along with one car Parking slot in the Multistoried building known as "Smukha Meadows, constructed on the Property bearing converted Sy.No.34/1new No.61, Situated at Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently under the limits of BBMP, Khata No.1155/Sy No.34/01/61 measuring 13349 Sqft converted vide Official Memorandum No.ALN (SU) SR:123/2006-07 Dt: 23-12-2008 by Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore South Taluk and being bounded on: East By: H.S. Chandrashekhar Land (now purchased by First Party), West by: Smt.Hanumakka Land, North by: Road, South by: Land belonging to Shylaja.

The above borrowers and/or their guarantors(s)/mortgaror(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of said 60 days under sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.

Furthermore, this is to bring to your attention that under Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the securd asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date: 25-03-2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For YES BANK Limited

भारत सरकार
अंतरिक्ष विभाग
इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स (आयपीआरसी)
महेंद्रगिरि.,ओ.तिरुनेलवेली जि.-627 133
तमिलनाडु, भारत :
दूरभाष : 04637 – 281803/1582/3582
फैक्स : 04637 – 281681

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DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
IISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District – 627133
Tamil Nadu, India
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शुद्धिपत्र-1/ **CORRIGENDUM-01** दिनांक/Dated : 24.03.2025

'कन्याकुमारी में अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिक पार्क (एसएसटीपी) के लिए प्रवेश ब्लॉक, प्रशासन ब्लॉक /पारगमन आवास, सबस्टेशन भवन और संबद्ध कार्यों का निर्माण (सिविल एवं पी.एच.कार्य)' (**सं:** आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-166/एमडब्ल्यू-08/2024-25 दिनांक 25.02.2025) (प्राक्कलित लागत: ₹ 691.73 लाख / Lakhs) कार्य के लिए प्रकाशित एनआईटी अधिसूचना के क्रम में, निविदा की विक्रय तिथि, 09.04.2025, 23 : 30 बजे तक बढाई जाती है । In continuation of the e-NIT notifications published for the work, 'Construction of Entrance block, Administration block/Transit accommodation, substation building and allied works for Space Science and Technology Park (SSTP) at Kanyakumari (Civil & PH works)'. (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-166/MW-08/2024-25 dated. 25.02.2025) (Estimated cost: ₹691.73 Lakhs), the Sale period is extended upto 09.04.2025, 23:30 hrs.
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समूह निदेशक, सीएमजी / GROUP DIRECTOR, CMG,

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Office of the Executive Engineer,PRE Division
Jawahar Road Koppal 583231 ,Karnataka . Email: eepredkpl@gmail.com,

No:EE:PRED:DN:KPL:/DB/TENDER/2024-25/3204 Date: 21.03.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Koppal, invites item rates tender through kppp one / two cover systems, from eligible PWD and PRE Department registered contractors through Standard Bid Document KW-1,2,3 & 4, under head of account 2024-25KKRDB, in different talukas of Koppal district . This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka . For more information contact above the office. Eligible contractors participate online by entering into kppp portal. **http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal.

General instructions :- 1.Contractors participate in all tenders online only. 2.Pre-qualification documents should be uploaded by scanning all certificates & other concerned documents online only.3.Pre-requisite EMD have to be pay online as per mentioned in eproc-portal.

For more information, contractors need to consult to below signed official, officer, contractors may get the information by going through. http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal. This notified works can be downloaded in **http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal from dated **25.03.2025** Tender Processing Fees **As per E-Procurement.** Download of Schedule-B in Eproc Portal From **25.03.2025 time after 10.00 AM upto 03.04.2025 time 16.00 Hours.** Tender Receipt last dates From **25.03.2025 ,time 11.00 AM upto 03.04.2025 Time 16.30 hrs. Technical Bid open date and time.** (Both Technical & Financial bids are opened as same date for KW 1 & KW 2 ,KW-3 works) **04.04.2025 in office hours.** Financial Bid open date and time **For KW 4 After getting Technical approval from competent authority, bid will be opened**

Note: The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject any of the tenders at any stage without assigning the reasons .

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PRE Division Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/903/KSMCA-2024-25

SRI VARUN SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

Regd. Off: 616, 4 Cross, 5" Main, Hanumanthnagar, Bangalore-560019

POSSESSION NOTICE: APPENDIX IV (RULE 8 (1))]

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO SRI VARUN SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer under the **Sri Varun Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act.2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a **demand notice dated: 21/12/2024** calling upon the borrower mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section property described herein below in exercise of 13 of the Act read with Rule & of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **24th day of March of the year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SRI VARUN SOUHARDA CREDIT CO- OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD,** for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of The SARFAESI ACT, 2002, you are RESTRAINED /PROHIBITED from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written using of consent of **SRI VARUN SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT

1. Name of the Borrowers Smt.Vanitha.G, W/o. Sri. N.Thirumala Residing at No. 325C, 17th Loop Road, Ideal Home Township, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore -560098

Date of Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002: 21/12/2024, Amount in Demand Notice **Rs.84,59,254/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four Only)** further interest thereon with effect from 21/12/2024 at the contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental Expenses, Costs, Charges, ETC. Incurred and accruing thereon on daily basis

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.6/1, Katha No.3/7, Rajarajeshwari CMC, Presently, comes under the BBMP, Situated at Kenchinahalli, Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30-0 Feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 900 Square Feet and bounded on: **East by:** Property No.6, **West by:** Remaining Portion of same Property, **North by:** Property No.6/2, **South by:** Road.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT

2. Name of the Borrowers Smt. Veena. R, W/o. Sri. Lokesh.G, Residing at No.53, 4th Main Road, 5th Cross, Bhovi Colony, Near Ganesh Temple, Byrasandra, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore -11

Date of Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002: 21/12/2024, Amount in Demand Notice **Rs.94,77,265/- (Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five Only)** further interest thereon with effect from 21/12/2024 at the contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental Expenses, Costs, Charges, ETC. Incurred and accruing thereon on daily basis

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal New No.23, Situated at 3rd Mian Road, Byrasandra, Bangalore Ward No.60, Pattabhiramanagar, PID No.60-3-23, measuring East to West 40-0 Feet and North to South 24 feet in all measuring 960 Square Feet Consisting of 7 Squares RCC in the Ground Floor and Seven Square ACC in the First Floor with Red Oxide Flooring, jungle wood and windows with all civic amenities together with all Easementry Rights, Appurtenances underneath above the surface and bounded on: **East by:** 3rd Main Road, **West by:** Property of Ruddrappa, **North by:** Passage and **South by:** Property of Krishnaiah Shetty.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT

3. Name of the Borrowers Smt. Syalaja.B.A W/o. Late Ramakrishna B.H and Chethan.B.R S/o Late. Ramakrishna B.H Residing at No.42/2, Water supply colony, Doddatathaguni, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore -560 062 Date of Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002: 21/12/2024, Amount in Demand Notice **Rs.41,15,772/- (Rupees Forty OneLakhs Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two only)** further interest thereon with effect from 21/12/2024 at the contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental Expenses, Costs, Charges, ETC. Incurred and accruing thereon on daily basis

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.42/2, Katha No.342, Situated at Thathaguni Village, AgaraDhakale and Panchayathi, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 37 feet totally 1480 Square Feet and Bounded on: **East by:** Property belongs to Gangadhar, **West by:** Property belongs to Munihanumaiah, **North by:** Property belongs to Munihanumaiah, **South by:** 15 Feet Road left in the Narayanappa .

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 24.03.2025

Authorized Officer
For Sri Varun Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT 2)

Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor,
Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode-560001

DEMAND NOTICE FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/279/2023 IN **OA No.997/2023**

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SRI ABHILASH P K AND OTHERS

To
(CH) Central Bank of India, HSR Layout Branch, No. 395 10th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Near Muniyappa Complex, Bangalore, Karnataka 560102.
...Certificate Holder

VS
(CD1) Sri. Abhilash P K, S/o Lakshmanan Devi Sadanam, Flat No. SF 14, 2nd Floor, Ajantha Meadows, Akshay Nagar, Near New DLF Town, Yelanahalli Village, Bangalore, Karnataka -560102, Also at: Sri. Abhilash P K S/o Lakshmanan Devi Sadanam, Pumoo Kurrichyil (post) Thalassery Kannur Kerala-670102.
...Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2)** in **in OA/997/2020** an amount of **Rs. 5762073.91 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Sixty Two Thousands Seventy Three And Paise Ninety One Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @9.50% compound interest monthly w.e.f. **05/08/2020** till realization and costs of **Rs. 60005 (Rupees Sixty Thousand Five Only)** has become due against you Jointly and severally. Further penal interest **@2% p.a.** to be paid.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. Your hereby order to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from this notice.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **17.10.2023.**

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any Interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.
(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

Recovery Officer
**Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangal

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited

(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
Metro Rail Depot, Old Madras Road, Near NGEF Bus Stop,
Baiyappanahalli , Bengaluru - 560 038. Ph: 080-25191039
e-mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in Website: www.bmrc.co.in

Bid No.: BMRCL/2024-25/BG/WORK_INDENT77 Date: 25.03.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for **"Petty Repair works in Reach3 of Line-2 under SSM department".** The works details can be obtained from the procurement website. The Tender documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 27.04.2025 up to 15:00 hrs.** Further details can be obtained from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Director (O & M)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: eeroads.bbsr@gmail.com
B-1097 Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-II-26/2024-25

1. The Chief Engineer (Roads-II), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:

2.	Nature of work	:	Road works
3.	No. of work	:	2 Nos.
4.	Tender Paper cost	:	Rs.10,000.00
5.	Class of Contractor	:	Special Class/Super Class
6.	Available of bid document the website	:	From 10.00 A.M. of 29.03.2025 to 5.30 PM of 16.04.2025
7.	Date of opening of Bid	:	Dt.17.04.2025 at 11.30 A.M.

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

OIPR- 3418/1/1/0014/2425 Sd/- Chief Engineer (Roads-II), Odisha

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Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board

Office of the Executive Engineer, Division, M.G. Road,
Karwar-581301. Tele No. 08382201080
Email Id: eekuwsdbkwr@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM

Name of work: Request for proposal (RFP) for appointment of Project Management Consultancy for the work of construction of vented barrage of capacity 0.383 TMC across Gangavali River at Honnalli **Work Indent No. KUWSDB/2024-25/SE0055.** Bid Notification No. 1830, Date: 11/03/2025, News papers on 13/03/2025. Published in **"PRAJAVANI (Karnataka Edition), "KANNADA PRABHA (Karnataka Edition)," and "THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS" (Karnataka Edition)** Attention is invited to the above Bid Notification.

The Calendar of events are amended as under:

(1) Last Date & Time for Bid submission: **29/03/2025 up to 17.30 Hours.** (2) Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bids: **02/04/2025 after 11.00 Hours.** The other information in the Notification remains unaltered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KUWS & DB, Division, Karwar.

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/1015/24-25 dt.24.03.2025

WESTERN RAILWAY

Material Management Department
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/16/2025 Date 21.03.2025

S.N.	Short Description of item	Quantity	T.O.D.
139	Provision of Earth Return Brush.	1474 Nos	10-Apr-25
140	Thinner for PU Paints	41309 Ltr	14-Apr-25
141	48 Fibre Armoured Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)	2566 KM	14-Apr-25
142	Brain Endoscopy System	2 Nos	14-Apr-25
143	Bio-Digester System for LHB	96 Nos	16-Apr-25
144	ICF Bogie Frame arrangement	40 Nos	16-Apr-25
145	Must Change Kit for Axle Mounted Disc Brake System of ESCORTS.	15 Set	18-Apr-25
146	M.S. Angle Size 200x200x25mm	160000 KG	19-Apr-25
147	1 in 8.5 CMS Crossing for BG. 60 Kg (UIC) on PSC Sleepers	37 Set	21-Apr-25
148	Rotary Table Airless Centrifugal Shot Blasting Plant for Coil Spring	2 Nos	21-Apr-25
149	Vigilance control equipment for Three phase Electric Locomotive	11 Nos	21-Apr-25
150	Electrical Compressor & HYD Compressor	6 Nos	21-Apr-25
151	Multipara Monitor with 2 Nursing Stations along with attached Accessories	40 Nos	21-Apr-25
152	11200 mm curved switches with ZU1 -60 /60E1A1 Thick Web Tongue rail	20 Set	23-Apr-25
153	CTRB Bearing for Train.	128 Nos	02-May-25
154	Spine Endoscopy System	2 Nos	02-May-25
155	CNC Drilling & OXY-fuel Profile Cutting Machine	1 Nos	05-May-25
156	Centre pivot top for CASNUB	854 Nos	06-May-25
157	Set of Brake Caliper Unit	12 Set	08-May-25
158	Roller Bearing cleaning plant	2 Nos	09-May-25
159	Combined Posterior Vitrectomy with Endolaser	2 Nos	23-May-25

CORRIGENDUM

Please read the due date as **"01.04.2025"** for the **Tender Notice No. S-11-2025 dated:-13.02.2025 at Sr. No. 90**

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in and wr.indianrailways.gov.in.** 1224

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client is intending to purchase the properties which are described in the Schedule herein from the current owners **Sri. N. Kumar and Sri. N Ravikiran.** Any other persons/s having any interest in the same or having any objections to the proposed sale are required to forward same to the undersigned with material to substantiate the same within period of fifteen days from today.

In the absence of any such communication/objections being made within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or objections or that they have been waived and our client will proceed with the proposed sale without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE

Residentially converted Properties situated at **Ramagondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk:**

Sl. No.	Sy. Nos.	Extent in Acres and Guntas	Boundaries			
			East	West	North	South
1	Survey No.115	2 acres 3 guntas	Sy.No116	Sy.No.114	Road & Nallurahalli Village Border	Sy No.104
2	Survey No.116	2 acres 4 guntas	Sy.No.117	Sy No.115	Road & Nallurahalli Village Border	Sy no.104

G. Sridhar, Advocate
gs law, Advocates,
206, 2nd Floor, "Embassy Square",
148, Infantry Road, Bangalore - 560 001, Karnataka, India

Place: Bangalore
Date: 25-03-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that, our client intends to purchase the property situated at Sorahunase Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru, from **Bespoke Ventures Private Limited** previously known as **Bespoke IT Solutions Private Limited** and name changed as per the Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 13th September, 2024, which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property".**

Any person having any subsisting claim, right, title or interest, in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner including by way of sale, transfer, assignment, exchange, charge, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lease, sub-lease, license, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, devise, lien, maintenance, easement, encumbrance, trust, covenant, possession, beneficial interest or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit or award passed by any Court or Authority, arbitrator, lis-pendens, power of attorney, bequest, FSI, development rights, partnership, family arrangement or settlement or otherwise encumbrance of any nature howsoever **("Claim"),** are hereby requested to respond with documentary proof to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that no such Claim exists and if it existed, the claimant has relinquished such Claim and/or waived their right to exercise such Claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that pieces and parcels of immovable property totally admeasuring 1 acre 17 guntas, bearing Municipal No 15 (PID No 226/12/1,92/15), comprised in (i) Survey No 12/1 measuring an extent of 1 acre 11 guntas and (ii) Survey No 92 measuring an extent of 6 guntas, situated at Sorahunase Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru Pin Code 560087, and bounded on the –

East by : Approach Road
West by : Boundary of Varthur Village
North by : Land in Survey No 12/2 of Sorahunase Village
South by : Approach Road

Rakki K, Partner
Khaitan & Co LLP
Embassy Quest, 3rd Floor, 45/1, Magrath Road,
Dated: 24th day of March 2025 Bengaluru-560 025. T: +91 80 43397000

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, 2nd cross, Jaladarshini Layout, MSR Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore-560 054

No: EE/MLM/Kppp/12/2024-25 Date: 24.03.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

Tender for the following work on item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents KW-4 by the Executive Engineer Malleshwaram Division from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Ward No. 57 (64) Rajmahal Guttahalli, Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains & other allied civil works in Block nos. 30, 38_2, 39_2, 40, 62, 64 and all other SC/ST area blocks in Malleshwaram Sub division. Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 105.00 Lakhs, EMD : 1,57,500/-
2.	Ward No. 54 (36), Mathikere, Comprehensive Development of Roads, Drains & other allied civil works at Block Nos. 1,2,5,19,22, 45,71, 63, 65, 66,69 and all other SC/ST area blocks in Mathikere Sub division. Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 132.25 Lakhs, EMD : 1,98,375/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Pre-bid meeting will be held on: **03.04.2025 @ 16.00 hrs** at Office of the Executive Engineer (Malleshwaram) Division. (2) Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders: **11.04.2025 up to 16:30 hrs (3)** Opening of Technical bid Proposals:**16.04.2025 @ 16.00 hrs** (4) Opening of Financial Bid Proposals after approval of Technical proposals (will be intimated later to the successful technically qualifying bidder)

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division.

Mysore District Co-Operative Milk Producers'Societies Union Ltd.,

Bannur Road, Alanahalli Post, Mysuru-570028.
Phone No. 0821-2474475, Fax No.0821-2474476,
e - mail : purmymul@gmail.com

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement only)

Mysore Dist. Co-Op Ltd Milk Union Ltd., Mysore Invites tender from eligible Tenderers for the Supply of the following materials through e-procurement portal. For the tender document please visit e-procurement platform at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl No	Tender Notification No.	Items(Details)	Last Date for Submission of Tender
1	KMF/2024-25/ IND1337	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Rosa Ez Reader to Mega Dairy	28.03.2025 Before 12:00PM
2	KMF/2024-25/ IND1338	Supply of Fodder Maize to Mega Dairy, Mymul	01.04.2025 Before 12:00PM
3	KMF/2024-25/ SE3330	Insurance coverage for Cross Breed Heifers / Cows/ Local Cows / Buffaloes for 3 years (approximate 30000 cattle) to Mega Dairy, Mymul	03.04.2025 Before 05:00PM

For further information please contact Purchase Department during working hours. **(Mobile No: 6366430821, 9482231739).**

Sd/- Managing Director
Mysore District Co-Operative Milk Union Ltd.,

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-3:Tender-44:2024-25: Dated:- 24.03.2025

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System:_ Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements:- (1) Widening and Improvements work to road at Km 330.10 link road (Loop road) of Kumata-Kodumagi road (SH-48) in Challakere taluk (W.I. 19979)/call-2 **Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:**-230.00

(2) Widening and Improvements work to road of Challakere (NH-150A) to Vishwanathanahalli road (State Highway-243) from Km 76.10 to 76.485 in Challakere taluk (W.I. 19980)/call-2 **Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:**-370.00

Tenders dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 07-04-2025 Time: 17.30
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 08-04-2025 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 09-04-2025 Time: 16.15
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 11-04-2025 Time: 11.00
Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/739/2024-25 Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Chitradurga.

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಶಿರಸಿ (ಉ.ಕ.)

ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08384-226338 ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.sirsicity.mrc.gov.in
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: comm_srs@yahoo.com

ನಂ. ನಸಶಿ/ಕಾವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ/ನೀಸವಿ/ಮಾ.ಸಂ./ವಿವ-/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.03.2025

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(1) ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.04.2025 (ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.04.2025 (ಸಂಜೆ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ) (3) ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.04.2025 (ಸಂಜೆ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ)

ಟೆಂಡರದಲ್ಲಿಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು E-GOK ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ಲಾಟ್ ಫಾರಂನಲ್ಲಿ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಶಿರಸಿ.

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/1019/24-25 dt.24.03.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Sri.L.SRIDHAR** S/o late P.M.Loganathan and his sister **Smt.L.YESHODA,** residing at No.9, 7th Cross, "Bank Avenue", Babusa Palya, Horamavu, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560043.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, sub-lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s or claims with the undersigned (along with the photocopies of the documents based on which they rely for asserting their rights), **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.18/1 (portion of CITB/BDA No.14, thereafter No.18), having PID No.50-58-18/1, measuring East to West 45 ft and North to South 28 ft, totally measuring 1260 Sq.ft, with an old house thereon, situated at 7th Cross, 9th Main Road, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.153 (Jayanagar Ward) and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Property No.31 (Old No.15)
North by : Road
South by : Property No.18

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND,** Advocate,
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES,
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Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

The borrower attention is also invited as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to them only till date of publication of Sale Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
1.	Mr. Parsha Ebenezer and Ms. Padmavathi Irmiah Parsha Loan A/c No. 411900015120	15.03.2025	Rs. 73,94,109.85	Schedule "A" : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Converted Sy. No. 50/1,an extant of 0-33 Guntas, Sy No.50/3 an extant of 0-12 Guntas, Sy No.50/8 an extant fo 0-17 Guntas, Sy No.50/9A an extant of 0-08 Guntas, Sy No.50/9B an extant of 0-7 Guntas, Sy No.50/10 an extant of 0-30 Guntas, (initially converted for Hi-Tech Purposes Vide order No.ALN(E.K.H.W)SR 52/2010-11,Dated 07/04/2011,later the same are changed for residential purposes vide Change of Land use bearing Order No.BDA/TPM/CLU-365/11-12/2622/2012-13, dated 08/08/2012, issued by the Commissioner,Bangalore Development Authority), totally measuring an extent of 2 Acres 27 Guntas, BBMP Katha No.669 and Sy No.50/2 an extant of 0-13 Guntas,(converted for Non-Agricultural residential Purpose vide order No.ALN(E.K.H.W) SR 53/2012-13,Dated 17/08/2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore)BBMP Katha No. 678 and both the properties are adjoining to one and another totally Measuring 3 (Three) Acres or 1,30,680 Sq.feet., Present amalgamated BBMP Katha No.669, situated at Whitefield Village, K.R.Puram Hobli,earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, earlier within the jurisdiction of CMC Mahadevapura, presently under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by: Property bearing Sy Nos.50/16 & 50/11, West by: Property bearing Sy No.50/7 & Nellurahalli Boundary. North by: Property belongs to Subbegowda. South by: Road. Schedule "B" : 392.07 Sq. Ft, undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule" A" above. Schedule "C" : Flat bearing No.005, in the Ground Floor, of "D" Block in Segment-2 of the building known as "BM Glorietta", totally measuring 1236 Sq. Feet super built up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, along with One Covered Car Parking Space at Basement, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, Lift and other amenities, etc., in the multistoried residential apartment building known as "BM Glorietta" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 25.03.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property reversed mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the property is mortgaged with the secured creditor under the scheme of **"REVERSED MORTGAGED – UNDER PNB BAGHVAN" and it will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 17.04.2025 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

Lot No.	Name of the Branch	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name(mortgagers of property(ies))	(A) Date of 13 (2) (B) Date of 13(4) (C) Type of Possession (D) Outstanding amount	A)Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1	BO: RMV Extension (362500) Mrs. (Late) A Malathi Rao Cust. ID: R08140708 362500RM00000027 Mr. M Sreenivasa Rao 9632786274 Mr. R M Verma 9831154895 Mr. Hareeshkumar V K 9493200796 9911313579	All piece and parcel of The Residential Property No. 6/1, First Floor measuring 1225 Sq Feetof super built-up area with 356 Sq Feet Undivided share in site No 6 (Old Khata No. 117) comprising one hall, kitchen, 3 bed rooms, balcony, stair case and demarcated car parking area in the basement within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 100 having PID No. 474/6 measuring North to South 30 feet, East to West (48+47)/2 feet total measuring 1425 Sq. Ft. situated at Jaladarshini Layout, 2nd cross New BEL Road Geddalahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore-560094.And boundedOn **East By:** BEL HBCS Layout, **West By:** BDA Road, **North By:** Site No. 7 And **South By:** Site No.5	**Not Applicable as it not a NPA Account/-**	A) Rs. 99,32,0000/- B) Rs. 9,93,200/- C) Rs. 50,000/-	17.04.2024 From 11 AM to 05 PM	NIL

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions asthe following further conditions:

1. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"**
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://ebkray.in on 17.04.2025 @ 11.00 AM to 5 PM**
4. 4.Platform (https://ebkray.in) for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. having its Registered office at Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East. Mumbai-400037 (Helpdesk Number +91 8291220220, Email Id: support.ebkray@psballiance.com). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website https://ebkray.in This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 24.03.2025

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

ESTD: 1907

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **The Bangalore City Co. operative Bank Ltd.,** is brought to Sale under **" AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt & Reserve Price	Date of Public Auction
01.	**Sri. Shankar. R,** No.787, 7th Main road, Narmada Nadhi Road, Brindavana Nagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru-19 **New Municipal No. 03, Old No. 23/3, Yamuna Nadhi Road, Bhuvaneshwari Colony, Brindavan Nagar, Hanumanthanagar, BBMP Ward No. 52 of Hanumanthanagar, New Ward No. 156 of Srinagar, PID No. 52-85-3, Bengaluru.**	East to West : 22 feet & North to South : 16 feet East by:- Road West by:- Site No. 27/47 North by:- Site No. 22/4 South by:- Site No. 24/2	Rs. 17,42,841/- (Interest from) 15.03.2025 Notice Date : 17.03.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 26,00,000/-	29.04.2025 10.00 A.M
02.	**Smt. Parvathamma & Ms. Lavanya. M.N,** No.257, Near Gruhalakshmi Layout, Bus Stop gruhalakshmi Layout Nagasandra Bengaluru-73. **1st Schedule :- No.257 (North Portion) BBMP Khatha No. 902/1, in the Layout formed by the Sree Gruhalakshmi Co Op. Housing Society Ltd., Nallakadirenahalli village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 41 of Peenya Industrial Area, New Ward No. 39 of Chokkasandra, Bengaluru.**	East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 30 feet. East by:- Site No. 258 West by:- Site No. 256 North by:- Road South by:- Remaining portion of the same property gifted to parvathamma.	Rs. 1,69,47,711/- (Interest from) 17.03.2025 Notice Date : 17.03.2025 Reserve Price: Rs. 2,57,00,000/-	29.04.2025 11.00 A.M
	2nd Schedule :- No.257, (South Portion), BBMP Khatha No.902 of the Layout formed by the Sree Gruhalakshmi Co Op, Housing Society Ltd., Nallakadirenahalli Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk BBMP Ward No. 41 of Peenya Industrial Area, New Ward No. 39 of Chokkasandra, Bengaluru.	East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 30 feet. East by:- Site No. 258 West by:- Site No. 256 North by:- Remaining portion of Site No. 257 South by:- Private Property		
03.	**Sri Ramachandraiah. B,** No. 2849, 27th Ward, 3rd Cross, Kempegowda Circle Ramanagar. **E-Khatha No. 27-1-507-96, Municipal Khatha No. 773/2189/1997, Property No. 96, 3rd Cross, Block 1, Bolappana Halli, Amanikere, Ramanagar Town.**	East to West : 30 feet & North to South : 50 feet East by:- Road West by:- Site belongs to Kempaiah North by:- Road South by:- Site belongs to Hombaiah	Rs. 44,92,754/- (Interest from) 18.03.2025 Notice Date : 18.03.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 67,40,000/-	29.04.2025 01.00 P.M
04.	**Sri. Ramesh. B.G,** No.45, 1st Main , Shabarinagar, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru **No.45, Bytarayanapura Municipal Khatha No. 46, Byataryanapura Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 07 of Byatarayanapura, BBMP Khatha No. 46-105-1-45, Bengaluru.**	East to West : 39+34/2 feet & North to South : 40 feet East by:- 25 feet Road West by:- Property No. 44 North by:- Property No. 42 South by:- Raja Kaluve.	Rs. 76,62,101/- (Interest from) 17.03.2025 Notice Date : 18.03.2025 Reserve Price : Rs.90,30,000/-	29.04.2025 02.00 P.M
05.	**Sri. Khader Baig M. J,** No.86/4, New Layout, Cheluvadipalya, Chickpet, Bengaluru-53. **New Municipal No. 86/4, Western Side of Dr. T.C.M. Royan Road, Chaluvadi palya, New Layout, Bengaluru, Ward No. 30 of Sri. Krishnarajendra market, PID No. 30-53-86/4, Bengaluru.**	East to West : 16 feet & North to South : 39 feet East by:- Chaluvadi Palya road West by:- Kattaiahn's Land North by:- Drain South by:- Corporation land	Rs. 4,18,647/- (Interest from) 18.03.2025 Notice Date : 18.03.2025 Reserve Price : Rs.15,00,000/-	29.04.2025 03.00 P.M

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No.3, Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10 % of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to Adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance Within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like stamp duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co. operative Bank ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 24.03.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co. Operative Bank Ltd.

EDITORIAL

"The greatest enemy of authority is contempt, and the surest way to undermine it is laughter" — Hannah Arendt

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

NOT WISE TO LINK MARKET MOVES WITH ECONOMIC REVIVAL

THE Indian equity markets have reversed the broad downward trend it had been witnessing for a few months and staged a relief rally in recent days. The benchmark indices—Nifty and Sensex—have been posting gains ever since they opened for trading after the long Holi weekend and have risen by over 5 percent since then. On Monday, both indices jumped more than 1.3 percent, beginning the week on a positive note. The major driver for the markets is the return of foreign portfolio investors, who have been net buyers of Indian equities in the past few sessions. Foreign institutional investors were net buyers to the tune of ₹7,500 crore on Friday and ₹5,300 crore on Monday. The buying has been largely helped by the correction in valuations, which are now closer to their long-term averages—at least on some large-cap counters. The expectation of another rate cut at the April monetary policy committee meeting has also resulted in a rally in rate-sensitive stocks.

However, these temporary bullish sentiments in the equity markets should not be taken as signs of a full-fledged economic revival. The country continues to labour under some severe economic pains, and the latest upward trend in stocks is not a reflection of that reality. Besides, the external risks—especially the threat of reciprocal tariff from the Trump administration—are far from over, even if intense behind-doors discussions between the two countries are on to avert their imposition. The sustainability of the current rally would also depend on the fourth quarter results of companies. GDP growth estimates, at 6.3-6.5 percent over the next two years, show that the economy may continue to face some fundamental problems such as moderating consumption and slow pick-up in private investment. An ICRA study showed that the share of private capital expenditure in India's gross fixed capital formation declined to a decadal low of 33 percent in 2023-24. The current financial year has not seen much improvement either. Consumption growth remains muted and limited to the top 10 percent of the population. The latest run in the equity markets should not, therefore, dazzle anyone into believing things have really turned around.

START WITH STATE UNITS TO CHANGE INDIAN BOXING

THE messy Boxing Federation of India (BFI) election is a fair reflection of the tussle for power going on in the country's sports administration. Such turf wars have escalated after the pandemic—starting with the Table Tennis Federation, followed by the All India Football Federation and the Indian Olympic Association. After the landmark 2022 judgement in the Rahul Mehra case, which mandated changes in India's sports regulation and administration, things were expected to get better. Instead, they have spiralled out of control.

The BFI election was troubled even before the dates were announced. Its president Ajay Singh and secretary general Hemanta Kalita were priming for the fight in one corner, as treasurer Digvijay Singh was in the other. There was a mini revolt against the president during the National Games in Uttarakhand. The BFI president entrusted one member to look into the charges of financial irregularity against the secretary and the treasurer. Allegations were flung in all directions. Things got more complicated when Anurag Thakur entered the race. Ajay Singh issued a letter against Thakur's late entry. The matter landed in the high courts of Delhi and Himachal Pradesh, where the letter was stayed. The election was eventually paused after the BFI president said he would approach the superior court.

Meanwhile, Indian boxing has slipped into an abyss. The Paris Olympics showed where India were in the sport's pecking order. The top women boxers perished without a fight. Barring Nishant Dev, the men's campaign crumbled too. This was despite spending a substantial sum on the players' foreign tours and training. According to a Sports Authority document, ₹60.93 crore was spent on the whole effort, which included spending almost a month in Saarbrucken to acclimatise before heading to Paris. For just five boxers, there were eight sparring partners, and 16 coaches and support staff including a chef. But the competitions that churned out promising young boxers became fewer. As a result, at present there is no bench of good junior players and no national camp. Yet, the top administrators are fighting among themselves to cling to their chairs. What is even more worrying is that most BFI state units have members who have stayed on for eternity. If anyone wants to usher in change, they should start with the state units. A long and painful road lies ahead.

QUICK TAKE

LAUGHING AT SELF

A battle against comedy is like tilting at a windmill—the windmill inevitably wins. Members of Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) trashing a Mumbai studio that had hosted Kunal Kamra's provocative comedy show was the latest such witless act. Like the action taken against Munawar Faruqui in 2021 and Ranveer Allahbadia a few weeks ago, this has put a showman on top of the news cycle in a way his sense of humour never could. Perhaps the Sena workers can take a lesson from their tallest leader, Bal Thackeray, whose cartoons of famous people were extremely popular. If they do not, they run the risk of making caricatures of themselves.

With its domestic security challenges multiplying, the army is continuously over-extending itself. There are Chinese concerns to mind too. Surely something has got to give

TRAIN HIJACK A WAKE-UP CALL FOR PAK ARMY

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)
Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps; Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

SOURAV ROY

ON March 11, the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) hijacked the Jaffar Express, holding over 450 passengers hostage and demanding the release of some Baloch political prisoners. The hijackers set a 48-hour ultimatum, to which the Pakistan Army responded kinetically. After an intense firefight, all militants were killed; but 21 hostages and security officials also died. Or so we were made to believe.

It was one of those militant incidents where information and disinformation compete with each other for eyeballs. I was less concerned about the details of the execution of the hijacking and the counteraction, because that will take time to emerge. Till today, no one can say with any degree of certainty what the final outcome and sequence of events were. A strong disinformation campaign was waged from the portals of Pakistan's Inter-Services Public Relations in an attempt to ensure that the truth remained grey and the Pakistan Army did not lose face.

However, the incident has only succeeded in drawing international attention towards the Balochistan issue where a struggle for justice has been going on for long, but relatively less noticed by the international community. The Baloch issue has been festering since 1948. It is centred on the grievances of the ethnic Baloch people over their political marginalisation, lack of autonomy, and the exploitation of natural resources in the province by Punjabi-dominated central government. These tensions have fuelled a decades-long separatist insurgency, with groups like the BLA demanding independence or greater self-rule, often clashing with the Pak Army. The region's strategic importance, especially due to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Gwadar Port, has helped intensify this conflict.

Pakistan is in the throes of a 'near existential' crisis. Its current economic situation is dire with high inflation, massive debt, low forex reserves, currency devaluation, and sluggish economic growth (estimated at 3 percent). An IMF bailout has kept default at bay, but structural issues—like a narrow tax base, energy crisis and political instability—persist. The persistent economic gloom is matched by the internal and border security situations.

The western flank through which Pakistan assumed its strategic depth, is now aflame. The alignment of the Durand Line is being questioned by Afghanistan through various attempts at enforcing its will, leading to border clashes. The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has returned with vengeance without any pretensions of being sponsored as a proxy of the Afghan Taliban. There is no respite from the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Sipah-e-Sahaba and Islamic State of Khorasan (ISK), all anti-Shia groups.

In 2014, after the TTP terror attack on a Pakistan Army Public School in Peshawar on December 16, in which 132 children were killed, the army undertook a murderous kinetic counter-terrorist campaign under Operation Zarb-e-Azb for almost four years. This was in conjunction with Operation Radd-ul-Fassad, a nationwide intelligence-based operation with a focus on hunting residual terrorists, sleeper cells and urban militancy across all provinces. The combined effect of the pandemic and the mixture of high-density operations, involving almost a third of Pakistan's active infantry formations, did somewhat stabilise the situation. However, post the US withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021, Pakistan's breakdown of ties with Afghan Taliban and the activation of the ISK forced the ISI's attention in different directions. The simultaneous attempt to reinvigorate terror in India's Jammu added to the weight of responsibility on the ISI and the earmarked counter-terror forces, allowing windows of opportunity to appear for various elements. The BLA has revelled in that let-up while the TTP continues its activities with impunity.

One would have expected a strong kinetic response in the aftermath of train hijacking, but General Asim Munir has desisted from that. Undoubtedly, that would have risked further alienation of the Baloch people, enhancing the insurgency's appeal. Yet, the other option, the untried hearts-and-minds approach, is not something that can work in the army's favour without a political callout. Pakistan's security-based response has invariably been kinetic, all guns blazing with no remorse for the populace. The principle of counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism involving the isolation of the perpetrators has rarely been followed. During Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad, a model of neutralising networks was attempted with some success, but the enormity of sub-conventional violence in Pakistan is simply overwhelming.

There are Chinese concerns too. The BLA attack highlights vulnerabilities along the key CPEC routes and railway infrastructure. China may perceive these threats as risking investment returns and project viability, especially in Gwadar and surrounding areas. It will likely pressure Pakistan to expand the protection of CPEC assets, possibly even pushing for private Chinese security contractors or a larger role for the Chinese military under the guise of economic security—a highly sensitive issue for Pakistan. China is not going to abandon the CPEC for want of security. It will do all it takes to make it secure, and that includes a strong advisory to Pakistan to alter the approach. Is this one of the reasons that we have not had an immediate knee-jerk response from the Pakistan Army?

In response to this incident, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif convened a National Security Committee meeting, emphasising the need for national unity and a strategic approach to combat militancy. Army Chief General Asim Munir echoed this sentiment, underscoring the military's determination to dismantle terrorist networks. The fallout of the Jaffar Express attack could spark internal friction within the Pakistan Army, putting General Munir in a tight spot between delivering security, maintaining military cohesion, and appeasing China.

There may be rising concerns in the Pakistan Army itself on the manner in which national security is being addressed. Between attempting to nurture 'friendly terrorists' to fight a sponsored proxy war in J&K, and countering the nasty ones who target even army families, the force has a challenge on its hands.

In trying to prevent secession by clamping down on civil unrest in Balochistan, while keeping an eye on internal dissension and preventing dilution of its stranglehold over national governance and politics, the Pakistan Army is continuously over-extending itself. Perhaps I am doing it an uncalled-for favour; showing it a mirror unto itself. Armies which extend themselves so thin invariably end in the hara-kiri posture.

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WOMEN'S QUOTA MISSING IN DELIMITATION DEBATE

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THE elephant in the room is reservation for women of one-third seats in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies as well as the National Capital Region post the expiry of the 2026 deadline. The current wrangling over delimitation is not limited to 'freeze or increase' in the number of seats whenever the 5th Delimitation Commission is set up, which by law requires a census to be held first.

Implementing women's reservation in representation was put off in 2023 when the 106th constitutional amendment was adopted following the passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, otherwise referred to as the Women's Reservation Act, on the entirely legitimate plea that it would have to be done on the basis of a full-fledged delimitation exercise. Be that as it may, that argument, however, was overturned in the case of delimitation of constituencies for the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The expansion of reservation of constituencies to create a new category—women—requires a follow-through under the terms of the 2023 Act. Freeze or increase, however the legislation establishing the Delimitation Commission is framed, one-third of all elected legislative seats, that is seats in the Lok Sabha, all the state assemblies, and the National Capital Region, will have to be assigned to women.

The brawl over delimitation, how it will impact states that have succeeded in slowing population growth—whether it will be a penalty or a reward—is edging towards the centre-stage in national politics. The unanimous silence on how women's reservation will work out under these circumstances indicates a reluctance to address the issue.

Unanimity seems to be there on how the political class chooses to work on women's reservation. There was near unanimity among parties that ensured the passing of the Women's Reservation Act and the 106th amendment. Curiously enough, there seems to be an identical unanimity, a sort of unspoken consensus, that the follow through action required to implement it shall not be discussed.

Having succeeded in making a paradigmatic shift in India's parliamentary politics, neither the Narendra Modi government nor the other parties in parliament that joined in sharing the credit for passing the law, seem to want to talk about it.

If the Modi government, with its overall majority of seats through the National Democratic Alliance, decides to continue with the freeze and maintain the total number of elected seats in the Lok Sabha at 543, even then, there will have to be a delimitation exercise, because of the women's reservation law. Since the law states, as of now, that reservation will be for a limited 15-year period, which works out to three rotations of constituencies that will be exclusively contested by women, the delimitation exercise cannot be short-circuited.

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Were the freeze put in place by the 84th amendment to continue beyond 2026, when the issue needs to be addressed by parliament, even then there would have to be a delimitation exercise. Marking out 131 parliamentary constituencies exclusively for women is a mathematically complicated exercise, because proportionality will have to be maintained when the seats to be reserved for women are identified. How will states that have less than three seats in the Lok Sabha resolve the math?

Reservation for women will kick off a whole new ball game if the Modi regime proposes, as most political parties seem to believe it will, a big increase in the number of seats in the Lok Sabha which would also mean a major change in all elected state assembly sizes. If the number of seats goes up to anywhere between 700 and 848, as many experts speculate, then women's reservation poses an enormous challenge to the way the politics, the selection of candidates, and the monopolisation of power has been hitherto restricted to a predominantly male elite.

In the current Lok Sabha, out of the total elected 543 seats, women hold a mere 74 seats. Trinamool Congress has 11 women members of parliament, out of its 29 seats. That works out to a 37.9 percent weightage.

If the freeze continues, then the number of women represented as a category would go up to 181 seats from 74. If there is an increase in the total number of Lok Sabha seats as is being speculated, then political parties would have to step up to the challenge, since the total number of reserved seats for women would go up to 233 seats. In case of an increase in the number of seats to 848 or thereabouts, then reserved seats for women would zoom to 282.

The empowerment of women through reservation may not immediately alter the fundamental inequality embedded in the social and political system, where women function in mostly "passive dependent" mode, as an "adaptive preference" as pointed out by philosopher Martha Nussbaum, who worked with Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen on social choice and women.

The emergence of '*panchayat-pati*' (husband of a woman *panchayat pradhan*, elected under the reservation of constituencies system for panchayati raj institutions) is a reflection of how the social system has enforced male dominance by stripping women of power. The state-by-state variations, and the different degrees by which patriarchy usurps women's power as representatives, indicate that reservation per se will not work like magic to make Indian law-making and budget allocations significantly different.

The law, however, is the law. It has to be implemented. Postponing it will not change the law. It will merely brand those who did not implement it as cowards.

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Needless drama

Ref: *Address concerns of delimitation, ensure transparency, fairness* (Mar 24). The southern states are putting up a unified stand against the proposed delimitation measures that are long overdue. The Centre has allayed concerns raised by these states of losing their seats in parliament. I feel the strong opposition put up by southern states is unnecessary.
S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

Dodge it

Ref: *DOGE the accelerant in American decline* (Mar 24). Donald Trump's relentless pursuit of cost-cutting runs the risk of shaking America's economic stability. Reforms, especially the ones aimed at improving government efficiency, are welcome. But these are of no use if they stand in the way of economic growth. Steps must be taken to address job losses caused by DOGE's actions.
Avinashiappan Myilsami, Coimbatore

Traditional remedies

Ref: *The ancient tale behind popular ayurvedic remedy* (Mar 24). Chyavanaprash has been a popular ayurvedic remedy for centuries, and the story of its origin is a testament to the power of devotion and determination. Let us take a leaf out of Chyavana rishi's story and appreciate the significance of traditional remedies in our lives.
Sridevi Tejaswani K, Secunderabad

Hospital bills

Ref: *Standardised bill for all hospitals soon* (Mar 24). This will help bring more transparency and clarity to the hospital billing process. Hospital bills are often very complicated and difficult to understand for many people. A standard billing format will solve this problem.
Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Long hours

Ref: *How not to frame work-hours debate* (Mar 23). Reading the column, I was reminded of my time working for a leading PSU. We used to go to the project site at 8 am and work there till around 9 pm. At the site, there is often no proper office, which means we will be working outdoors mostly. Temperatures used to climb well above 40 °C Celsius during summers. Working on Sundays is also not unusual.
Sreenivasan Raman, Doddaballapur

Prompt action

The way the Supreme Court responded to Justice Yashwant Varma's case is commendable. The immediate constitution of a committee to probe the matter, releasing footage from Varma's house and keeping him away from work will go a long way in earning the public's confidence.
D V G Sankara Rao, Vizianagaram

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The BJP came up with a completely fake issue to adjourn Parliament so that the serious issue of Justice Yashwant Verma's conduct is not discussed

Chirag Paswan @iChiragPaswan
The 2006 Sachar Committee report...revealed that parties which claim to be leaders of the Muslim community had neglected them during their rule

'Most oppressed need to be empowered'

Ambedkar envisioned reservation as a means to address social backwardness faced by SCs and STs: Panel chief

SEVERAL states, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Haryana, have recently sub-classified Scheduled Caste (SC) categories to give targeted benefits to historically marginalised SC sub-groups. The move follows last year's Supreme Court ruling on sub-classification of SCs and STs, which ignited a widespread debate on its political and social consequences. In an exclusive interview with **Preetha Nair**, **Kishor Makwana**, Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), shares his views on various SC community issues.

Excerpts:

The Telangana government recently conducted a caste survey and divided the SCs into three groups to ensure the effective distribution of welfare benefits, government schemes, and reservations. Do you support it?
Telangana has followed the SC verdict on sub-classification and has done its bit. However, I believe it is essential that the last person, the most oppressed among Dalits, be prioritised and empowered.

Several states, such as Haryana and Andhra Pradesh, are also going ahead with sub-classification. However, NCSC opposed the idea in the past. Can the states implement it, given the legal hurdles?
The SC ruling empowers state governments to take a more nuanced approach by creating sub-categories within these groups. The Commission is committed to ensuring that every individual, especially those at the very bottom of the socio-economic ladder, has access to the resources, education, and opportunities needed to break free from the cycle of poverty and oppression.

Verbatim

The Central government is yet to spell out its stand on the sub-categorisation of SC/STs.
No comments.

The SC has also proposed excluding the creamy layer among SC/STs from reservations. The Centre has opposed this. What is the Commission's view?
Reservation is not meant to be a tool for economic empower-

ment alone; it is fundamentally about achieving social equality. Dr BR Ambedkar envisioned reservation as a means to address the social backwardness faced by the SCs and STs. In his view, affirmative action was intended to uplift communities oppressed and marginalised based on caste, allowing them to break free from the chains of social inequality. I agree that casteism still exists. However, things are slowly changing.

Prime Minister Modi, in his policies, has expressed a commitment to fulfilling Ambedkar's vision by protecting the rights of marginalised communities and improving their social status. Through various initiatives and the continued implementation of affirmative action policies, the Modi government seeks to align with Ambedkar's ideal. Thus, the aim of reservation remains firmly rooted in addressing social backwardness and not just economic disparities.

Certain sub-groups within the larger SC category face systemic discrimination and economic hardships. Empowering the most marginalised requires targeted policies that go beyond mere categorisation.
I agree that the issue needs more discussion. Everyone wants to prioritise the empowerment of the most marginalised individuals and the last person to be uplifted. Only when the most vulnerable individuals are lifted can true progress and equality be achieved for all.

Opposition parties favour a nationwide caste census to acquire empirical data on social issues. They cite the Telangana sub-categorisation, which has been done based on empirical data.
The Congress party was in power for 70 years. Why did they wake up now? They should have conducted a caste census during their tenure. The reason is that the Congress didn't want the Dalits to get their rights.

Many also argue that sub-classification will fragment the SC/ST community and exacerbate existing social tensions.
The argument is not correct. I have met representations from several Dalit groups and other stakeholders. Everyone wants the most marginalised groups to be empowered, ensuring that even those often overlooked and excluded from mainstream society can thrive.

Should Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians be given SC status?
The Commission is against providing the same benefits of reservation to Dalits converting to other religions. That is against the spirit of the Indian Constitution and Dr Ambedkar's vision. For him, the caste system, which is deeply embedded in Hindu society, was the primary source of the oppression that Dalits faced. Dalit converts, who leave Hinduism due to its perceived caste-based discrimination, may be contradictory in demanding reservation while rejecting the religion that originally assigned them to these oppressed categories.

24% pay hike for MPs: Salary, daily allowances and pensions revised

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Centre announced a 24% salary hike for Members of Parliament, effective April 1, 2023, raising their monthly salary to ₹1.24 lakh, with additional allowances and perks.

The daily allowance has been increased from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500, applicable while attending Parliament sessions and committee meetings.

For former MPs, the monthly pension has been raised from ₹25,000 to ₹31,000, while the additional pension for each year of service beyond five years has increased from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500 per month.

In 2018, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had raised MPs' salaries from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh and introduced an automatic revision mechanism every five years, linked to inflation. This move removed the need for MPs to recommend salary adjustments for themselves.

With the new changes, an MP will now receive ₹1.24 lakh monthly as salary, with ₹87,000 per month as constituency allowance (up from ₹70,000), and ₹75,000 for office expenses (previously ₹60,000). The office expenses cover ₹50,000 for hiring a computer-literate assistant and ₹25,000 for stationery.

The MPs are also entitled to purchase durable furniture worth ₹1 lakh and non-durable furniture worth ₹25,000 once during their tenure, an increase from the previous caps of ₹80,000 and ₹20,000, respectively.

Accommodation options range from a hostel in Vitthalbhai Patel House to two-bedroom flats and bungalows in central Delhi. MPs are reimbursed for electricity, water, telephone, and internet charges, as well as for 34 one-way air tickets from their constituency to Delhi, along with rail travel benefits.

In 2020, during the COVID-19, the government had reduced MPs' and ministers' salaries by 30% for one year. This salary increase has been implemented under the powers granted by the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, using the Cost Inflation Index specified in the Income Tax Act of 1961.

WHY MUSLIM QUOTA COMES UNDER OBC RESERVATION, ASK EXPERTS

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE reservation issue once again took centre stage in Parliament as the BJP and Congress locked horns over Muslim reservations in Karnataka.

Both houses witnessed ruckus over Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's alleged remarks of bringing changes to the Constitution, a charge the Congress refuted as 'baseless and misleading'.

BJP President and MP JP Nadda accused Congress of violating constitutional principles by introducing 4% reservations to Muslims in public contracts.

However, experts point out that several Muslim communities are included in the Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation at the central and state levels to address their historical socio-economic disadvantages. In Karnataka, reservation for Muslims as a backward community existed in 1921, say experts.

Speaking to this newspaper, constitutional law expert Prof G Mohan Gopal said that the current controversy is unnecessary as "they are misrepresenting the reservation as a religious reservation". Though there have been several significant shifts in Muslim quota policies in Karnataka over the years, it was fixed at 4 percent in 1995 within the 32% OBC quota.

QUOTA STORY IN SOUTH

- In Karnataka, reservation for Muslims as a backward community existed way back in 1921
- Following shifts in Muslim quota policies in Karnataka, it was fixed at **4%** in 1995 within the **32%** OBC quota
- Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP govt scrapped the Muslim quota in 2023 and distributed it among Vokkaligas and Lingayats
- Kerala gives **8%** reservation to Muslims in educational institutions and **10%** in government jobs, within **30%** OBC quota
- In Tamil Nadu, **3.5%** sub-quota is provided to Muslims within its **30%** OBC quota framework

However, the BJP government of Basavaraj Bommai scrapped the Muslim quota in 2023 and distributed it among Vokkaligas and Lingayats. In April 2023, the Supreme Court said that the scrapping of reservation was "prima facie flawed and shaky." According to the Court, the state showed "haste" in issuing the order based on an interim report. However, in its manifesto, the Congress promised to bring back the Muslim quota during its election campaign.

Prof Mohan Gopal pointed out that during a discussion in the Constituent Assembly on the subject, Dr Ambedkar said that "it's a matter of policy for the government to define 'what is a backward class'".

He said that "in 1992 landmark verdict, Indra Sawhney clearly spelt out that a class is any group of people that fulfills about 20 criteria that cuts across four broad areas—social, educational, economic, and political, namely representation."

Article 16(4) of the Constitution provides for reservation for a "backward class of citizens, which, in the opinion of the State, is not adequately represented in the services under the State".

EXPLAINER

Another Southern state, Kerala, has a long history of providing reservations to Muslim communities. Initially introduced in 1936, the state currently provides 8% reservation in educational institutions and 10% in government jobs within the 30% OBC quota.

Meanwhile, in Tamil Nadu, a 3.5% sub-quota is provided to Muslims within its 30% OBC quota framework.

Andhra Pradesh has faced legal challenges on Muslim reservations. In 2004, the state introduced a 5% reservation for Muslims based on a report highlighting their social and educational backwardness. However, the High Court struck down this quota, citing procedural issues and the need for proper identification of backward groups within the Muslim community.

Subsequent attempts to implement a 4% reservation for specific Muslim castes also faced legal hurdles. Ruling Telugu Desam chief and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu vowed to protect that quota.

In Bihar, where OBCs have been divided into backward and most backward classes, Muslims fall in the latter category. The government provides 18% quota to EBCs, 12% to OBCs, 16% to SCs, 1% to STs and 3% to OBC women.

Prof Mohan Gopal said, "As a group, the decisive factor for reservation is the backwardness criterion. Sometimes, it may be a subgroup within a religion, or sometimes, it may be the whole group in a particular area or group in a particular area. A backward Class Commission then examines the data, and the Registrar General goes through it. Based on their positive recommendations the government decides on the quota."

Finance bill a 'classic case of patchwork', says Tharoor

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Opposition and the treasury Benches locked horns in Lok Sabha on Monday over issues such as US tariff, GST and fund allocation for states during a debate on the Finance Bill 2025. Initiating the debate on the Finance Bill, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor criticized it, calling it a "classic case of patchwork" and labeling India's GST as the "most complex tax" in the world.

On the other hand, Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra accused the government of favoring crony capitalists over small businesses and workers.

Meanwhile, senior BJP leader Anurag Thakur recalled that Mughal emperors Babur and Aurangzeb had imposed jizya on Hindus, accusing opposition parties of appeasing Muslims.

Tharoor accused the BJP government of facing structural challenges in economic management. He compared the Finance Minister's Budget speech to a garage mechanic who, unable to fix the brakes, makes the horn louder, and now, with the Finance Bill, she tells taxpayers, "I couldn't repair the roof, but I brought you an umbrella."

"This Finance Bill is a classic example of patchwork solutions. At a time when the nation needs clarity, conviction, and decisive leadership, the government's economic management is grappling with deep-rooted structural challenges," said Tharoor.

Moitra accused the government of creating special rules to benefit select businessmen while ignoring the needs of the broader economy. "All tax rules are made for Vishwakarma's India, not Kuber's India. But when it comes to crony capitalists, there are special rules," she said.

The TMC MP highlighted the case of a Special Economic Zone in Gonda, Jharkhand and alleged that a particular businessman received undue advantages. "In 2016, a rule stated that an SEZ could not consist solely of a power plant. But for a very special friend, this was allowed," she claimed.

Speaking during the debate, the former Union minister said, "Figures like Rana Sanga and Shivaji are our heroes, yet the opposition tries to tarnish their legacy." He added, "Their ideals should have been those of Rana Sanga, Shivaji, and Maharana Pratap, but instead, they remember Babur and Aurangzeb, who imposed taxes on Hindus."

Jizya was a tax historically levied on non-Muslim subjects by Muslim rulers. Thakur also questioned on how low the Opposition would go for vote-bank politics, urging Congress to avoid appeasement politics. "You have proposed reservation for Muslims only for appeasement," he said.

Duty on onion exports cut by 20%, farmers will have edge in int'l markets: Govt

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

UNION Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday announced that the government has decided to reduce export duty on onions by 20%, effective from April1, to ensure that farmers receive a remunerative price.

In 2023, a 40% duty was levied on onions to discourage farmers from exporting, as increased domestic demand pushed up the retail price. "Now the price of onions started falling and farmers started getting less price, so the government decided to reduce the export duty on onions from 40% to 20%," Chouhan said in a statement.

"Farmers deserve remunerative prices for onions in global markets," he said.

To ensure domestic availability, the government took measures to check exports through duty, minimum export price (MEP), and even export prohibition for almost five months, from December 8, 2023 to May 2024. Despite restrictions, exports have increased in the past two years. Data shows that onion exports during 2023-24 were 17.17 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) and 11.65 LMT in 2024-25 (until March 18.

Experts say the government anticipated higher Rabi onion production which may lead to a crash in prices, so the government has taken precautionary measures to support farmers and reduce export duty.

The agriculture ministry data showed that Rabi onion production is estimated at over 227 LMT, an increase of 18% from last year's 192 LMT. The arrival of onions in Asia's largest onion markets, Lasalgoan and Pimpalgaon in Maharashtra, increased which activated the downward trend of prices.

Ahead of reciprocal tariff, US team arrives today to fix BTA framework

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

AHEAD of President Donald Trump's proposed announcement on April 2 regarding reciprocal tariffs on countries, including India, a high-level US delegation will arrive here on Tuesday for a five-day visit to advance discussions on a framework for the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between the two countries.

"Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch, along with a team of US government officials, will be in India from March 25-29 for meetings with Indian interlocutors as part of ongoing bilateral trade discussions," a US embassy spokesperson said.

The visit comes after Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal's trip to the US from March 3 to 7, where he held talks with his counterparts on BTA, focused on addressing tariff and non-tariff issues.

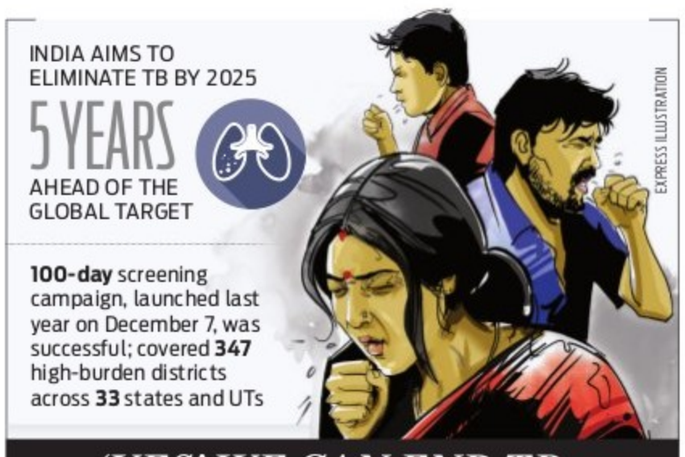
Sources said the meetings in Delhi are expected to "zero in on the framework of the BTA so that the fall 2025 deadline" for the pact stays course. India has taken steps to reduce tariffs in certain categories, indicated slashing more and improving market access to US products on "mutually beneficial" terms. However sources admitted that "announcement of a reciprocal tariff in the midst of BTA talks are normally an unusual, but New Delhi is hopeful of addressing the concerns on trade and tariff.

"This visit reflects the US' continued commitment to advancing a productive and balanced trade relationship with India," the US embassy spokesperson said. During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington last month, India and the US pledged to more than double bilateral trade to $500 billion by 2030 and negotiate the first phase of a BTA by the fall of 2025.

In 2023, the total US-India bilateral trade in goods and services reached $190.08 billion, comprising $123.89 billion in goods and $66.19 billion in services. That year, India's merchandise exports to the US totalled $83.77 billion, while imports stood at $40.12 billion, resulting in a trade surplus of $43.65 billion in favour of India.

"We value our engagement with the government of India on trade and investment matters and look forward to continuing these discussions in a constructive, equitable, and forward-looking manner," the US embassy spokesperson said.

President Trump, who has referred to India as the "tariff king," has repeatedly talked about imposing reciprocal tariffs on the country.



'YES! WE CAN END TB: COMMIT, INVEST, DELIVER'

THE GOVERNMENT ON MONDAY ANNOUNCED THE EXPANSION OF TB ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN ACROSS THE COUNTRY

TB treatment coverage has increased from **59%** to **85%**; **12.97 cr** people screened with **7.19 lakh** new cases detected

Among notified cases, **2.85 lakh** asymptomatic

India is one of the top funders on research

Total number of districts increased to **445** after states/UTs included aspirational districts and blocks to achieve TB elimination by 2025

Innovations like RT-PCR machines used during the Covid being used in TB screening; indigenous diagnostic kits developed by ICMR not only reduce the cost for detection but also improve efficiency by conducting **32** tests in one go

LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Five persons were sentenced to a life term by a court in MP Mhow on Monday for assaulting and abducting two Army trainee officers as well as their two female friends and gangraping one of them. The incident had taken place on the Mhow-Mandleshwar road on September 11 last year.

1 HIT BY FREIGHT TRAIN IN HIMACHAL'S HAMIRPUR

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Ahmedabad	38	23	Mumbai	33	26
Bhopal	35	21	Panaji	34	26
Jaipur	36	22	Patna	33	21
Amritsar	32	19	Lucknow	34	19
Chennai	31	27	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	33	24	Imphal	29	13
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	33	19

Task force to check rising trend of student suicides

SC forms panel to address mental health issues on edu campuses

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

TAKING note of the increasing suicide deaths in higher educational institutions across the country, the Supreme Court on Monday formed a National Task Force for a mechanism to prevent student suicide deaths on campuses and address their mental health issues.

The two-judge bench of Justice J B Pardiwala and Justice R Mahadevan directed Delhi Police to register an FIR on the complaints by family members of two students who died by suicide while studying at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, in 2023. The top court directed the DCP (southwest district) to register the FIR and depute an officer not below an assistant police commissioner to investigate.

Noting that a "disturbing pattern" of student suicides was being reported from various educational institutions across the country, the apex court ordered the formation of the NTF headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice S Ravindra Bhat. The bench asked him to submit a report in four months identifying the causes and propose steps to strengthen mechanisms to check student suicides.

The apex court clarified that these tragedies underscored the urgent need for a more comprehensive, robust and responsive mechanism to address various factors which compel students to resort to taking their own lives.

The court also added that failure to have proper prevention mechanisms would mean failing the very purpose of education to uplift, empower, and transform lives.

The court also said and expected the authorities (including the NTF) to not merely exercise authority and control over students but also provide support in times of distress.

The bench said the nation had already suffered the tragic loss of numerous students -- young individuals with immense potential who could have gone on to become successful professionals.

The 210th report of the Law Commission of India identified suicide as one of the most significant factors contributing to the premature and unnatural cessation of human life, it added. The bench said the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2021 highlights the grim reality: Over 13,000 students lost their lives by committing suicide in the country, which is almost twice the already disturbing number a decade ago.

According to the NCRB report, student suicides accounted for 7.6 percent of the total suicides in India in 2022, with 1.2 percent of total suicides attributable to professional or career problems and 1.2 percent to failure in examinations.

Provide support in times of distress, says SC

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SC seeks Maha response on demolition of house

Petitioner seeks contempt proceedings against municipal authority

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@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday asked a Maharashtra civic authority to respond within four weeks to a man's petition seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against it over demolition of his house and shop in Sindhudurg district for allegedly anti-India raising anti-India slogans during the India-Pakistan Champions Trophy match.

Kitabullah Hamidulla Khan, a 40-year-old scrap dealer, had moved the apex court alleging violation of the Supreme Court's November 13, 2024 verdict which restrained demolition actions by authorities across the country without prior notice and opportunity of hearing the person whose property was to be demolished. The plea, filed by Khan, sought directions for initiating contempt proceedings against the chief officer and administrator of the Malvan Municipal Council arguing the action was in violation of the apex court verdict on demolition of properties.

During the course of the hearing, the bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih sought response from the Maharashtra authority and posted the matter for further hearing after four weeks.

Khan alleged that his shop and house were demolished after a "frivolous complaint" was filed about allegedly raising of anti-India slogans by his 14-year-old son during the India-Pakistan cricket match in Dubai on February 23. After the FIR was registered, Khan, his wife and minor son were taken to a police station in Malvan at midnight and locked up.

Khan said that his son was allowed to go after four to five hours of questioning, but he and his wife remained in police custody for two days till February 25 when they were granted bail by the judicial magistrate. The petitioner alleged that people were mobilised by the local MLA, and the civic authority was pressured to undertake the demolition exercise.

Seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against the Maharashtra civic authority for allegedly violating the SC's order, Khan said the action was "arbitrary, illegal and mala fide," and done in violation of Supreme Court's verdict.

In its November 13, 2024 verdict, the top court laid down pan-India guidelines saying that no property should be demolished without a prior showcause notice and the affected must be given 15 days to respond. It made it clear that the guidelines would not be applicable if there was an unauthorised structure in a public place and in cases where there is court order for demolition.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

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Sniffer dogs to combat crimes against wildlife

Biodiversity conservation group Aaranyak has facilitated the Assam forest department in deployment of an anti-poaching K9 dog along with a trained handler in rhino-populated Laokhowa-Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary, part of Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, in Nagaon district. The K9 sniffer dog unit of Belgian Malinois (female) breed will be available round-the-clock to support forest personnel in mounting surveillance. The K9 unit has been crucial for prevention of crimes against wildlife through synergised action with enforcement agencies and is aiding forest and police officials in anti-poaching operations.

Rebels' appeal against Hindi songs at Bihu stage

The Paresh Baruah faction of banned insurgent group United Liberation Front of Assam-Independent (ULFA-I) has appealed to Rongali Bihu organising committees and singers to refrain from performing Hindi songs for the first seven days of the festival. A month-long celebration beginning mid-April, Rongali Bihu, is Assam's most colourful festival marking the Assamese New Year. "Of late, a tendency was witnessed among a section of Bihu committees to incorporate performances of Hindi songs. This is unacceptable," the outfit said in a statement.

Shops to operate round-the-clock

The Assam govt has approved the operation of shops and commercial establishments, barring bars and liquor outlets, round-the-clock in Guwahati, Dibrugarh and Silchar Municipal areas. In other towns, they will be allowed to remain open until 2 am while in rural areas, the limit will be 11 pm. CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said the decisions would modernise the state's economy, boost businesses, job creation, and align with global business and labour trends. "No worker shall be allowed to work for more than 48 hours a week. None shall be told to work continuously for more than 5 hours unless they have been given a half-an-hour break," Sarma said.

Colonel's family lifts dharna after CM's assurance

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE family of Army Colonel Pushpinder Singh Bath on Monday ended their dharna before the Patiala deputy commissioner's office after an assurance from the state government that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann would meet them on March 31 and listen to their grievance. The family along with ex-servicemen was on dharna demanding a CBI inquiry into the alleged assault by police personnel on Col Bath and his son, and transfer of Patiala SSP Nanak Singh.

"After a series of meetings with district officials on Monday morning, the family forwarded a memorandum to the Patiala DC seeking a personal meeting with CM Mann," an official aware of the development said. The family decided to lift the dharna after the additional DC of Patiala handed over a letter to Jaswinder Kaur, wife of Col Bath, stating that the CM would meet them on March 31, the official said.

Kaur said, "If our demands for a CBI inquiry and transfer of Patiala SSP Nanak Singh are not met, we will again sit on dharna from April."

HC sets aside family court's order denying Jain couples' divorce

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh High Court has set aside an Indore family court's February 8, 2025 order which denied relief to Jain couples – seeking divorce with mutual consent under Section 13B of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955.

The First Additional Principal Judge Family Court-Indore Dhirendra Singh had refused multiple Jain community couples' relief under Section 13B of the Hindu Marriage Act (which deals with divorce by mutual consent). The family court while returning the divorce applications had held that the followers of Jainism don't have any right to get relief under the act as "they have rejected the basic Vedic beliefs of Hinduism and have established themselves as minorities after separating from Hindu religion since 2014."

The double judge bench, comprising Justices Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and Sanjeev S Kalgaonkar said, "The family court judge has committed grave illegality and manifested impropriety in concluding that the provisions of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 are not applicable to the members of Jain community. The impugned order is set aside and the appeal of the parties allowed."

While accepting the appeal against the family court's order, the HC stated, "The Centre in exercise of powers conferred by Clause (c) of Section 2 of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 notified the Jain community as a minority community. Though this notification recognises Jain community as a minority community, it does not amend, invalidate or supersede express provision of any existing laws."

As many as 28 couples had approached the MP HC, against the order which had passed identical orders, denying them relief, in a single day.

Soren says will conduct caste census in next financial year

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

THE Jharkhand government plans to conduct a caste-based survey in the next financial year, Transport, Revenue and Land Reforms Minister Deepak Birua informed the state Assembly on Monday in response to a question raised by Congress MLA Pradeep Yadav.

Birua said the personnel department has been appointed as the nodal agency for the survey. He added that the department had issued a notice on March 4 to engage an agency so that the total number of people required, levels of the tasks and the financial aspects of the exercise could be ascertained.

Birua said he has been holding discussions with several agencies with regard to the census but noted that the process would take some time. However, he exuded confidence that the survey would be conducted promptly.

Meanwhile, MLA Yadav has urged the gover nment to include a Sarna religious code in the survey to account for the population of Sarna followers.

Other states that have conducted a caste census include Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. The minister emphasised the government's commitment to conducting a caste-based survey in the state. It may be recalled that the Jharkhand government had granted approval for a caste-based survey in the state last year, taking a cue from the initiative carried out in Bihar. Then Jharkhand CM Champai Soren gave the green light for the exercise amid growing demands for it from parties in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls. Notably, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had also promised a caste census during his Jharkhand leg of the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. The previous government helmed by CM Hemant Soren was also in favour of the exercise, but it could not decide on which department should be undertaking it.

As per the norms, a census is allotted to the Department of Revenue and Land Reforms. The Champai Soren government, however, succeeded in resolving the issue by roping in the personnel department.

C'GARH LAWS THAT MADE BUZZ

- Chhattisgarh Special Public Security Act, 2005: Under this, a person can be detained for committing acts showing a "tendency to pose an obstacle to the administration of law". Anyone whose actions "encourage the disobedience of the law" will be considered "unlawful".
- Chhattisgarh Tonahi Pratadna Nivaran Adhiniyam, 2005: The "tonahi" is any person or persons that will harm or possess the power to harm any other living things by black magic, evil eye or by any other means. He/she shall get imprisonment up to 3 years with a fine.
- Chhattisgarh Religion Freedom (Amendment) Act, 2006: It makes it mandatory for a person who wants to convert to get approval 30 days in advance from the district magistrate. A violator may face a 3-year jail, a penalty or both.
- Chhattisgarh Lok Sewa Guarantee Act, 2011 It intends to ensure the timely delivery of services to citizens by the state government, local bodies, etc
- Chhattisgarh Food Security Act, 2012: It's meant to provide for food and nutritional security by ensuring access to an adequate quantity of food at affordable prices —**Inputs by Ejaz Kaiser**

11K duped of ₹422 crore in BZ scam, Gujarat warns action against accused

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THE Gujarat government admitted in the Assembly on Monday that 11,183 people were duped of a staggering ₹422 crore in the massive BZ investment scam.

The case rocked the state and led to a 22,000-page charge sheet filed at the Ahmedabad Rural Court against seven arrested accused. The CID Crime later submitted a supplementary charge sheet, implicating the scam mastermind, Bhupendrasinh Jhala, CEO of BZ Group, in the fraud.

Responding to Congress MLA Jignesh Mevani's query, the government revealed that 16 individuals had been charged with crimes as of January 31.

The scammers lured victims with false promises of doubling their money, ultimately swindling 11,183 people.

BZ Group, which planned the scam, is a private finance and investment firm operating in key North Gujarat cities like Modasa, Himmatnagar, Mehsana, and Gandhinagar. Acting on a tip-off, the CID launched raids on BZ Group's offices, seizing incriminating documents and filing complaints against the firm's managers.

The probe revealed that Jhala is linked to the ruling BJP. While BJP has distanced itself from Jhala, he insists he has no ties with it. Investigators found that thousands of investors from North Gujarat poured in crores of rupees, enticed by promises of lucrative returns. BZ Group falsely assured investors of 7% interest assured in writing and an additional 18% verbal commitment.

High-ticket investors were promised 32-inch LED TVs and Goa trips if they put in ₹5 lakh and ₹10 lakh, respectively. The scam primarily targeted teachers and retired employees, exploiting their financial aspirations. Initial payouts were made to create an illusion of legitimacy. A network of agents, earning 5% to 25% commissions, roped in fresh investments.

Yoga takes over Meghalaya's Living Root Bridge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

IN a fusion of tradition, nature and well-being, yoga practitioners unrolled their mats at one of India's most astonishing natural marvels — the 'Double Decker Living Root Bridge' in Meghalaya.
The North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy organised the one-of-a-kind yoga session as part of International Day of Yoga, 2025.

The participants performed yoga against a backdrop of misty hills, gushing waterfalls and the whisper of ancient roots. They noted that this was not just another yoga event but a testament to resilience and harmony—both of nature and the human spirit.

Much like the bridge itself, which has withstood the test of time through generations of Khasi craftsmanship, yoga embodies patience, strength, and balance.

The event symbolised how ancient wisdom can seamlessly blend with modern wellness to inspire sustainable, mindful living.

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Ever since the United Nations declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga in 2014, India has redefined how the world experiences yoga by hosting sessions at some of its most iconic landmarks.

From the Taj Mahal to the Konark Sun Temple, from the Gateway of India to the Red Fort, each location tells a story of history, culture, and well-being. Now, the Living Root Bridge joins this list—bringing the spirit of yoga to the heart of Meghalaya's sacred landscapes.

"As the countdown to Yoga Day continues, events like these will not only promote the benefits of yoga but also highlight India's stunning natural and cultural heritage," an official statement said.

"With each asana performed on this ancient bridge, the message was clear—yoga is not confined to studios; it belongs to the world, to nature, and to every individual seeking balance and well-being," the statement added.

25% tariffs

levied by Trump on any country buying oil, gas from Venezuela

US, Russian officials meet in Riyadh, discuss truce

Kremlin says Black Sea Initiative is on agenda; Ukrainian team to meet Americans again

RIYADH

AMERICAN and Russian officials met in Saudi Arabia to discuss a partial ceasefire in Ukraine on Monday, a day after US-Ukraine talks there and as President Donald Trump pushes to quickly end the war.

The US and Russian teams huddled behind closed doors at a luxurious hotel in Riyadh, the Saudi capital, with a possible revival of a 2022 Black Sea ceasefire on the table.

The Ukrainian team, which held talks with United States officials in the same venue on Sunday, is expecting a second meeting with the Americans on Monday, a source in Kyiv said, a sign that progress may have been made.

Trump is pressing for a rapid end to the three-year war and hopes the latest round of talks in Riyadh could pave the way for a breakthrough.

Earlier this month in Jeddah – days after President Volodymyr Zelensky's White House dressing-down by Trump – Ukraine agreed to a US-proposed, 30-day ceasefire that was then rejected by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Officials are now studying a possible resumption of the Black Sea Initiative, a year-long agreement that allowed millions of tonnes of grain and other food exports to be shipped from Ukraine's ports. "The issue of the Black Sea Initiative and all aspects related to the renewal of this initiative is on the agenda today," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said in his daily briefing.

"This was President Trump's proposal and President Putin agreed to it. It was with this mandate that our delegation travelled to Riyadh."

The two sets of talks were originally planned to take place simultaneously to enable shuttle diplomacy, with the United States going back and forth between the delegations.

The US team is being led by Andrew Peek, a senior director at the White House National Security Council, and senior State Department official Michael Anton, a source familiar with the matter said. Ukraine's Defence Minister Rustem Umerov, who heads the Ukrainian team, said the first round of talks that finished late on Sunday was "productive and focused". "We addressed key points including energy," Umerov said.

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Firefighters put out the fire following a Russian attack in Donetsk region, Ukraine, on Monday | AP

RUSSIAN MISSILE ATTACK ON SUMY HURTS 65

Kyiv: A Russian missile attack on Ukraine's northeastern city of Sumy on Monday wounded 65 people, the regional prosecutor's office said. "The enemy (Russia) launched a missile on a densely-populated residential area of Sumy," the local prosecutors' office said, adding that "65 people were wounded, including 14 children". The attack damaged apartments and an educational facility, the prosecutors office said. The city's acting mayor Artem Kobzar earlier said a hospital had been affected. The regional administration published videos showing damaged high-rise residential buildings, with many balconies blackened

A resident watches as his neighbour cleans up the damaged apartment in a multi-storey house after a Russian night drone attack in Kyiv | AP

ALARM BELLS

AIDS could see 10-fold jump as US stops funds, Byanyima says

GENEVA

THE sudden halt to US foreign aid funding has been "devastating", the UNAIDS chief said on Monday, warning that without more funding, millions more will die and the global AIDS pandemic will resurge.

"It is reasonable for the United States to want to reduce its funding over time, but the sudden withdrawal of life-saving support is having a devastating impact," UNAIDS executive director Winnie Byanyima told reporters in Geneva.

"We urge for a reconsideration and an urgent restoration of services, life-saving services."

Winnie Byanyima

The United States has historically been the world's largest donor of humanitarian assistance, but President Donald Trump has slashed international aid since returning to the White House.

She warned that without more funding, "there will be an additional... 6.3 million AIDS-related deaths" in the next four years.

At the last count, in 2023, some 600,000 AIDS-related deaths were registered globally, she pointed out.

"So you're talking of a 10-fold increase."

Looking further ahead than the next four years, if aid funding is not restored, "in the longer term, we see the AIDS pandemic resurging, and resurging globally," Byanyima said.

AFP

Canadian PM calls snap polls amidst Trump's shenanigans

TORONTO

NEW Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and his Conservative opponent said US President Donald Trump must respect Canada's sovereignty as they kicked off their election campaigns on Sunday against the backdrop of a trade war and Trump's annexation threats.

Carney announced a five-week election campaign before the vote on April 28.

"We are facing the most significant crisis of our lifetimes because of President Trump's unjustified trade actions and his threats to our sovereignty," Carney said.

"President Trump claims that Canada isn't a real country. He wants to break us so America can own us. We will not let that happen," he added.

The governing Liberals appeared poised for a historic election defeat this year until Trump declared a trade war. He has repeatedly said Canada should become the 51st US state and has acknowledged he's upended Canadian politics.

Trump's almost daily attacks on Canada's sovereignty have infuriated Canadians and led to a surge in Canadian nationalism that has bolstered Liberal poll numbers.

"They want our resources. They want our water. They want our land. They want our country. Never," Carney said at a rally in Newfoundland.

The election campaign for 343 seats or districts in the House of Commons will last 37 days. Although other parties are running, the Liberals and the Conservatives are the only two that have a chance to form a government. The party that commands a majority in Parliament, either alone or with the support of another party, will form the next government and its leader will be prime minister.

Carney said the choice for Canadians is a "Canadian Trump or a government that unites."

"Canadians are always ready when someone else drops the gloves," Carney said in a hockey reference. "In this trade war, just like in hockey, we will win."

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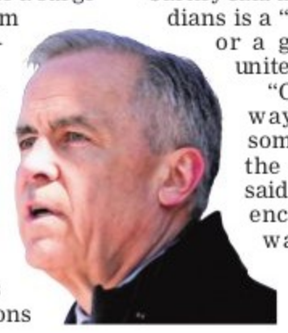

Thai govt faces its first no-confidence motion, expected to survive it

BANGKOK

THAI Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra on Monday faced a no-confidence motion in parliament as the opposition alleged she was being unduly influenced by her father, a former prime minister, and is mismanaging the country.

The head of the opposition in parliament, Natthaphong Ruengpanyawut, said Paetongtarn had failed to address many of the country's chronic problems including the slumping economy, air pollution, crimes and corruption.

He said her administration was serving the interests of her family and her father, former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, a popular but highly controversial political figure.

Paetongtarn, who took office last year, is expected to survive her first no-confidence vote on Wednesday with the backing of her ruling coalition that makes up the majority of the House of Representatives. Paetongtarn heads the Pheu Thai Party, the latest in a string of populist parties affiliated with Thaksin, who was ousted in a 2006 military coup, fled into exile and recently returned to Thailand.

Thaksin has been at the heart of nearly two decades of deep political divisions pitting a mostly poor, rural majority that supported him against royalists, the military and their urban backers, who accuse him of threatening their status and that of the revered monarchy.

Natthapong is the leader of the People's Party, a resurrection of the progressive, reformist Move Forward Party, which took the most seats in the general election in 2023 but failed to take power due to strong opposition from the conservative establishment, and was ordered dissolved.

Natthapong said the formation of the ruling coalition was part of the political bargain to bring Thaksin home.

AP

TURKEY ON THE BOIL

A Turkish riot police, not in photo, uses pepper spray to disperse protesters gathering during a rally in support of Istanbul's arrested mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, who was taken to a jail on the western outskirts of the megacity city, the main CHP opposition party said. Turkish police have detained more than 1,100 people since the arrest of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's main rival sparked the country's worst unrest in years, a minister said on Monday | AFP

ASIA MATTERS

PM TO MEET COUNTERPART IN VIETNAM

Prime Minister Lawrence Wong will be making a two-day visit to Hanoi, Vietnam, starting from March 25, to meet the country's top leaders and build upon recently strengthened bilateral ties, *The Straits Times* reported. This is Wong's introductory visit to Hanoi. He and his Vietnamese counterpart Pham Minh Chinh are expected to witness the exchange of several agreements between the two countries, which recently pledged to deepen cooperation in digital economy, cross-border electricity trade and sustainable infrastructure cooperation.

COURT REJECTS NAJIB'S BID TO BLOCK APPEAL

Malaysia's Federal Court on Monday dismissed former prime minister Najib Razak's preliminary objection raised against the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) application seeking leave to appeal against his bid for house arrest, *CNA* reported. The three-judge panel chaired by Chief Judge of Malaya Justice Hasnah Mohammed Hahsim unanimously came to the decision after hearing submissions from Attorney-General Dusuki Mokhtar and Najib's lawyer Muhammad Shafee Abdullah. Najib was also present for the court hearing. He is serving prison sentence.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT. SNEHA.N** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and She has lost the original Sale **Deed dated 27/10/1990 bearing Document No.716/1990-91, Book-1, Volume 1526, at pages 169-171, executed by Sri.Govindappa & Sri.C.P.Somu in favour of Sri.Ramanajineya, registered in the office of sub registrar, Ramanagara,** and Sale **Deed dated 31/12/2005 bearing Document No.3565/2005-06, Book-1, Stored in CD No.26, executed by Sri.Ramanajineya in favour of Sri.P.Y. Keshavamurithy, registered in the office of sub registrar, Ramanagara** and Sale **Deed dated 12/4/2012 bearing Document No.297/2012-13, Book-1, Stored in CD No.176, executed by Sri.P.Y. Keshavamurithy in favour of Sri.S. Ramachandra (Gowda), registered in the office of sub registrar, Ramanagara**

pertaining to the schedule property: In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Property No.2-3-552-178/A**, Nagarasabha Old Khatha No.878/173/542, New Khatha No.956/878/173/542, Situated at "Vaderahalli Dakhale Krishnappana Doddi" Ramanagara Town, measuring East to West: 40 feet, and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq feet and bounded on: **East by :** Manchanabele ghost house Compound, **West by :** 10 feet Road, **North By :** Site No.55, **South by :** Site No.57.

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IN THE COURT OF VIII ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE OF CHITTOOR,AP
M.V.O.P.No. 344 of 2022

Between:
P.Amaravathi and another ...Petitioners
And:
P.Sushma and others ..Respondents.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS 1 AND 2

To, **1.Smt.Sushma** W/o not known, D.No.67/1, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Hoysalanagar, Nagarbhavi Circle, **Bangalore-560072.**
2. H.N.Narayanaswamy @ Modul Raju S/o Venkataramappa, No.16, Swagatha Layout, Chikkabettahalli, **Bangalore-560097**

Sir,Please take notice that the petitioners have filed above OP against you and Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company, Chittoor claiming compensation of Rs.15 lakh for death of P.Ravindra Reddy in the motor accident that took plae on 21.11.2019 at about 3.35 P.M. at Mahasamudram Cross, on Palamaner -Chittoor NH-69 Road, Bangaru palyam Mandal, Chittoor District. The said OP is posted to **22-04-2025** for your appearance. Please be present on the said date before the said court on **22-04-2025 at 10.30 A.M**. either in person or through an Advocate and file your objections if any, failing which the matter will be decided in your absence as ex-parte.

Hearing Date:22-04-2025.

Sd/-V.LOKANADHA REDDY,
Advocate for the Petitioners

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client, **Sri Santosh Ramadas,** S/o. Late Ramadas Venkatappa, residing at No. 390, 7th Main, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore 560098, intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owners: 1) Sri Naresh Ramachandran, S/o. Sri Ramachandran Narayanaiyer Tripunitura & 2) Smt. Uma Sitaraman, W/o. Sri Naresh Ramachandran; both are Residing at No.592, 8th 'B' Main, Vijaya Bank Colony, Bangalore 560076. Any person(s) having any claim, right, title, or interest in the Schedule Property is hereby requested to submit their objections, along with supporting documents, to the undersigned **within 15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this publication. Failure to do so will be deemed as a waiver of any such claims, and our client shall proceed with the transaction, assuming the property is free from all encumbrances. Any objections raised after the said period shall not be entertained and will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the immovable property bearing Site No. 287, assigned with BDA PID No. 3320060417, situated at Block-VI, Banashankari VI Stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West:12.00 meters (Twelve meters) and North to South: 18.00 meters (Eighteen meters), with a total area of 216.00 square meters (Two Hundred Sixteen square meters), and bounded on the:
East by: Site No. 288 (two hundred eighty eight);
West by: Site No. 286 (two hundred eighty six);
North by: Site No. 266 (two hundred sixty six);
South by: Road.

For any objections or claims, please contact the undersigned within the stipulated time.

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IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE COMMERCIAL COURT, AT BENGALURU
Com. O.S. No. 1587/2024 (CCH-87)

PLAINTIFF: MR. MOHAMED IRFAN AND ANOTHER -V/s-
DEFENDANTS : INTACT FIT PVT. LTD AND ANOTHER

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 (2) OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

To, **D1. INTACT FIT PVT. LTD,** Having its office at No.10/21A, Lakshmi Street, Alagappa Nagar, Kilpauk, Chennai-600010. Represented by its Director Mr. Gowisanker and also at No.18, Aishwarya (House 1), First Floor, 4th Cross Street, East Shenoy Nagar, Chennai, Chennai-600030.

D2. LEVI STRAUSS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED, A Private Limited Company Incorporated Under the Provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 Having its office at Raheja Plaza, 4th Floor, No.17/1-1, Commissariat Road, Bangalore-560025. Represented by its Authorised Signatory Mr. Preetham. J

Whereas the Plaintiffs above named have instituted a Suit against you for Recovery of sum of Rs.24,63,704/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Four only) with 18% per annum from 20/09/2021 till payment, and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned/Notice to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all material questions relating to the Suit or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions on **29/04/2025** at about **11:00 A.M** to answer the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defense.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of court on this 22/03/2025

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Commercial Court Unit, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MRS. Sudha Dinesh Rao W/o Late Dinesh Rao aged about 67 years Riat #532, 14 th Cross, 27th Main, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560078, who is the present owner of below mentioned property and she was having Original Sale Deed Dated 8/12/1981, vide Doc.No.5254/1981-82, Volume No. 1764, Pages 143 to 149 of registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Bangalore South Taluk, in respect of Site No. 3, Sy No. 8/2, Measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet and the aforesaid Original Document has been lost/misplaced on 20/2/2025 and she has made best efforts in tracing the same, but efforts were in vain, Further she lodged a police complaint in this regarding on 22/03/2025 with E-lost report No. 1533283/2025, if anyone found the aforesaid original document, kindly contact within 7 days from the date this publication at the address given below.

S. D. BEERALINGAPPA, Advocate
No. 64/1, 2nd Cross, Beereshwara Nagara, Chunchaghatta, Main Road, Udupi Ice Cream, Konakunte Post, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore - 560062.
Mob : 9743607224.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client viz., **Sri. Sri.Govind Ganesh,** Residing at No. 562, Jal Vayu Towers, Sadanadanagar, Bangalore -560 038, hereby inform that the Original Sale Deed:02-02-2001 Bearing No. 11323/2000-01, in the name of Sri. Govind Ganesh, which has been lost while taking xerox copy. My client has also lodge police Complaint in Lost Report No.1512226/2025, Dt:09-03-2025. Any person in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to me or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objection in writing within 7 days from this day, to the undersigned.

AKASH. B. RAO ADVOCATE
NO.54, Mayur Nivas, First Floor, 4th Main Road, Chamarajpet Bangalore, Mobile: 9841506050

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **Mr. N. Prashanth Kumar,** residing at Jigani Village and Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560 105, has lost the original Registered Rectification Deed executed on 08.12.2008 and, bearing Document No.JGN-1-02873/2008-09, Book-I, stored in CD No.JGND-33, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jigani. The said Rectification Deed pertains to the property Stie No.150, Janjar No.3034/553/150, East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet total 600 Square feet, situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and was executed by Sri. C.D. Naveen and Shilpain favour of Sri. G. Krishnappa. In view of the loss of the original document, this public notice is issued to notify all concerned parties that the original Rectification Deed is no longer in the possession of Mr. N.Prashanth Kumar. Any person claiming rights or interests based on the said document is hereby requested to contact the undersigned **within 07 days** from the date of publication of this notice. After the expiry of the notice period, appropriate steps will be taken to obtain a certified copy of the Rectification Deed from the concerned Sub-Registrar's Office, and no liability will be accepted for any claims arising thereafter.

For any further information or clarification, please contact

Sd/- **Mr. VIJAY RAJA ARSU .R,** Advocate
Office at No. 25, 3rd Cross, Narayana Nagar 2nd Block, J.P.Nagar, 9th Phase, Bengaluru-560 062. Mob:9845992251
Date: 24/03/2025

PUBIC NOTICE

I, **A.Meera Bai** aged about 68 years, W/o Late Sri T. Dattaji Rao Residing at Door No 11, 3rd Floor, 10th Cross, Pampa Extension, Kempapura, Bengaluru 560024. Has Lost the Original Sale Deed i.e., Dt. 21/03/2025 Vide Document No. 02242 / 2004-05 Of Book - 1, Stored in CD No. HBBD 11 Dated 23/04/2004 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote, Purchased from Sri S.P. Narasimhulu at Kolathur Hoskote.

In respect of the property Bearing Site no 82, Katha No. 435, House list No. 397, Situated at **Kolathur village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** Measuring East to West **30 feet** and North to South **40 feet** in total Measuring **1200 Square feet.**

If any Person/s or institution found the above said Document hand over to the below Stated address, thereafter if any claim raised shall not be entertained.

Mrs. A. Meera Bai,
11, 3rd Floor, 10th Cross, Pampa Extension, Kempapura, Bengaluru -560024.
Mobile : 9611644867.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Smt. Sumangala M.S. w/o M.S. Parameshwarappa, aged about 50 years, residing at No. 01, 3rd Floor, Narayanappa Building, Behind Adishwara Electronics, Hebbagodi, Kammasandra, Bangalore (Aadhaar No: 652419294293), proposes to purchase the below mentioned immovable site property from its owner Shri Chenchu Reddy Tadi S/o Vengal Reddy Tadi, aged about 60 years, residing at No.972, Brahms CT, TROY, Michigan, USA (PAN: AVXPT2686D). Any persons having any claim against the Schedule Property may lodge their objections to the undersigned with supporting documentary evidence within 15 days from the date of this publication. Failing which my client presumed that there are no claims/objections will proceed to purchase the schedule Property. The objections and claims received after 15 days period are not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.29, E-Khatha No.150200100 400200290, V.P.Khatha No.284/29, formed in Sy.No.90/P33 (Old Sy.No.90/4), measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, total measuring: 1200 sq.ft. duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes vide order No: ALN: SR (AJ)/152/1996-97, dated 25.04.1997, ordered by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South Sub-Division and approved by Anekal Planning Authority by its order No: BMRDA/LAO/066/2004-05, dated 08.08.2005 and situated at Kallubalu Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluka, Bangalore Urban District and bounded by: East: 9 Mtrs Road, West : Site No.28, North: Site No.20, South: Site No.36.

Sd/-
S.C.BIRADAR, Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF ORIGINAL SALE DEED & RECTIFICATION DEED

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Mr. B JAI GANESH,** S/o Late Sri. Balaraman M, R/at "Bhagyashree" No.2390, Facing Pipeline, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, J.P Nagar PO, Bangalore - 560078, has lost/misplaced the Original Sale deed dated: 26-03-1986, registered as **Document No. 232/1986-87,** in the office of the Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore and Original Rectification Deed dated: 11/09/1986, registered as **Document No.1533/1986-87,** in the office of Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore, in respect of **Western Portion** of Immovable Property bearing Old No.1-B, Earlier Nos.1B-3 and 1/13, Presently bearing **New No.1/13-1, PID No. 91-89-1/13-1,** situated at **Assaye Road,** Bangalore, **BBMP Ward No.78,** Ward Name-Pulikeshinagar. The said documents are not traceable in-spite of my client's best efforts. My client has also lodged a police complaint in this regard. General Public is further informed that if anyone comes in possession of aforesaid documents, they may return it to the undersigned.

HITESH KUMAR JAIN, Advocate
HM LEGAL
No.24/10, 1st Floor, Haudin Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560042. **M : 9844372444**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to general public that **Mrs. Sharadamma.B,** aged about 70 years wife of **Krishnappa.M,** residing at Sri Channabasaveshwara Swamy Nilaya, 11th Main, 4th Cross, Siddarameshwara Extension, Tumkur, has lost the original sale deeds pertaining to the property bearing Site No.37, Ward No.31, Tumkur Mahanagara Palike Katha No.2959/A/2022/A, PID No. 49938, Shettihalli, Jayanagara West. The following is the list of original documents lost:

1. Sale deed No.1054/2000-01, dated 17.05.2000, registered at the Sub-Registrar's Office, Tumkur City (relating to the sale by Managalagowry to Kamalamma).
2. Sale deed No.1513/2002-03, dated 24.05.2002, registered at the Sub-Registrar's Office, Tumkur City (relating to the sale by Kamalamma to Prakasha).

Mrs. Sharadamma has sworn to an affidavit dated 22.03.2025 before the notary and also has filed a complaint before the Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, on 17.02.2025, that effect.

If any person or individual come across the above said documents, please handover the same to **Mrs. Sharadamma.B**

M.V.J. Law Chambers,
Advocates
No.193/5, 3rd Floor, Ganesha Block, West of Chord Road, 1st Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore –560 086. Mobile : 9538305787.
Email – mvjslawchambers@gmail.com.
Place : Bangalore Date : 24-03-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt.K.Neethu, d/o late Sri.S.Keshava Rao, Aadhar No.3804 0572 7213, resident of No.13/2, Ist Main, 2nd cross, LN Colony, Yeswanthpura, Bengalure 560 022, represents to me that she is the owner of North East portion of vacant site bearing No.378, V.P.katha No.238/378, Adarshnagar layout, Arasinakunte village, Nelamangala Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet, presently within Nelamangala CMC in Ward No.31, with property No.6405119170, she having inherited the same as the only surviving legal heir of late Sri.S.Keshava Rao and Smt.Sulochana Bai, (she having pre-deceased her father) Sri.S.Keshava Rao had acquired the same under a deed dt. 17.01.1996. Originally site No.378, V.P.katha No.238/378, measuring 18 meters x 12 meters, sold by the Developer firm in favour of one Smt.C.Dhanalakshmi, on 16.10.1990 as per registered Sale deed No.1309 of 1990-91, Volume No.1555 at pages 61 to 65, registered with Sub Registrar, Nelamangala. She sold by a deed dt. 21.06.1991 the eastern half portion measuring East to West 09 meters and North to South 12 meters in favour of one Sri.Subbaiah Vishwanathan as per Registered Sale deed regd. as No.810 of 1991-92. Later Sri.Subbaiah Vishwanathan sold the northern half portion measuring 20 feet x 30 feet, totally 600 sq. feet in favour of one Sri.S.Keshava Rao.

That the Original Regd.Sale deed favouring Smt.C.Dhanalakshmi, dated 16.10.1990 No.1309 of 1990-91, Volume No.1555 at pages 61 to 65, And Original Registered Sale deed dt. 21.06.1991 regd. as No.810 of 1991-92. Volume 1593 at pages 135-139 in favour of Subbaih Viswanathan, both registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Nelamangala are not traced now. It is either not collected since portion was purchased or even if collected, they are lost and/or misplaced and not traced. If anybody has/have found and/or in possession of the said Original Registered sale deeds referred to above, the same be returned to Smt. K. Neethu or to the undersigned. If any one has any claim, or interest over the said property, they may submit their claim, if any, within 10 days from the date of this publication, and claims if any, received thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

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Dt. 24.03.2025

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE
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B-1096 **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)**
Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B) - 14/2024-25

No.1066 **Date. 21.03.2025**

1. Nature of the work: **BUILDING WORK**
2. Total No. of Works: 01 (One) No
3. Tender cost: **Rs. 1.43 Crs.**
4. Period of completion: 06 (Six) calendar Months
5. Cost of Bid Document: Rs. 10,000/-
6. Bid Security (EMD): Rs. 1.43 as per column no. 06 of IFB.
7. Class of Contractor: "B" & "A" Class as per cl no. 05 of TCN & according to Financial Eligibility
8. Date & time of availability of bid Document in the portal: **from 11.00 hours of 28.03.2025 to 17.00 hours of 11.04.2025**
9. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal:**17.00 hours of 11.04.2025**
10. Opening date of Bid: **10.00 hours of 15.04.2025**
11. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid : **Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore**

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in, Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
OIPR-34108/11/0022/2425 **Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore**

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EMD Amount: As Mentioned in the Tender Document
Last Date and time for Submission: 02.04.2025, 3.00 PM
Tender Opening Date and Time: 03.04.2025, 3.30 PM
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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER		FOREX	
1,078.88	Sensex	77,984.38	₹210	24 carat (10 gm)	₹89,770	1 kg	₹1,01,000	Dollar	85.57
307.95	Nifty	23,658.35	₹150	22 carat (10 gm)	₹82,300	10 gm	₹1,010	Euro	92.65

Sensex winning streak continues; up 1,078 pts

Rebound was supported by FII inflows amid a strengthening rupee

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

EQUITY markets continued their upward momentum for the sixth consecutive session on Monday, driven by value buying after the recent correction in several stocks. The BSE Sensex surged 1,078.87 points (1.40%) to close at 77,984.38, while the NSE Nifty50 climbed 307.95 points (1.32%) to settle at 23,658.35.

The latest gains follow a strong performance last week, where both benchmark indices rallied over 4% each—marking their biggest weekly gains in years. The rebound was supported by renewed foreign institutional investor (FII) inflows amid a strengthening rupee against the US dollar. Additionally, a dovish stance from the US Federal Reserve on potential rate cuts boosted sentiment, with markets now anticipating a rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India in its upcoming policy meeting.

Mid- and small-cap stocks also extended their winning streak, with the Nifty Midcap 100 rising 1.30% and the Nifty Smallcap 100 gaining 1.10%. Market breadth remained positive for the fifth straight session, with the BSE advance-decline ratio at 1.53. All sectoral indices closed higher, with banking, capital goods, IT, oil & gas, power, realty, and PSU bank stocks rising between 1% and 3%.

Investors' wealth grew by ₹5.05 lakh crore, as the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms reached ₹418.35 lakh crore, up from ₹413.30 lakh crore on Friday.

"The domestic market experienced a robust rally, spurred by value buying as valuations returned to long-term averages and early indications of earnings growth recovery emerged," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited.

Nair added that the sustainability of this trend will depend on upcoming PMI data, Q4 earnings results, and developments related to reciprocal US tariffs. Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities noted that short-covering ahead of this week's monthly F&O expiry fueled the rally, with the Sensex briefly crossing the psychological 78,000 mark amid broad-based buying.

He added that renewed optimism from foreign investors, following a sharp decline in the local currency, along with strong cues from US and European markets, further bolstered sentiment.

According to exchange data, FIIs net bought equities worth ₹7,470.36 crore on Friday and ₹3,056 crore on Monday. Moderating domestic inflation and expectations of further rate cuts have also temporarily eased concerns over global trade-related uncertainties, a key positive for markets.

Govt plans to abolish equalisation levy

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE government has proposed the abolition of the 6% Equalisation Levy on online advertising in the Finance Bill 2025, reducing the tax burden on digital ad consumers and lowering costs on platforms like Google and Meta. If passed in parliament, the 6% Equalisation Levy would cease to exist from 1 April 2025.

This is a significant move in the context of the ongoing Indo-US bilateral trade talks, and the imminent threat of reciprocal tax, which is likely to come into force from 2 April 2025.

The US government has always termed the digital taxes levied by India as discriminatory, targeting mainly tech giants from the US. Last year, the government had scrapped a similar levy of 2% on digital e-commerce supplies and services. The latest announcement by the government is, therefore, construed as an attempt by the government to appease the Donald Trump administration. This change would now reduce the costs for digital ad consumers, while lowering tax costs for digital advertising platforms such as Google and Meta, says Sandeep Jhunjhunwala, M&A Tax Partner at Nangia Andersen.

"Consequently, the corresponding income tax exemption under Section 10(50) has been withdrawn to maintain tax neutrality, meaning income previously exempt under the Equalisation Levy regime will now be taxed under regular income tax provisions," he added.

The 6% Equalisation Levy was imposed by the Indian government in 2016. The removal of the levy is seen as a move towards aligning with the uniform tax rules under two pillar solutions proposed by OECD. Currently, digital companies based outside the tax jurisdiction of a country escape paying taxes on revenue earned from that country.

Pillar 1 of the OECD tax rules require multinationals including digital companies to pay at least some tax in the markets they interact with.

"Even from an international tax policy standpoint, most of unilateral measures undertaken by governments around the globe in last several years to deal with growing tax challenges of digitalisation of economies have to be steadily wound back, to make way for uniform tax rules under two pillar solutions espoused by OECD," says Sumit Singhania, Partner, Deloitte India.

The other major change proposed by the amendment in the Finance Bill is a clarification which says where 25% presumptive income regime for electronics manufacturing is available, exemptions under Sections 44DA and 115A will not apply in such cases.

Sebi doubles FPI threshold for disclosures

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Sebi in its board meeting on Monday doubled the disclosure threshold of foreign funds for investments in domestic company assets to ₹50,000 crore from ₹25,000 crore.

"Trading volume in the cash segment has more than doubled between FY23 and FY25 from ₹58,000 crore to ₹1.28 lakh crore. In light of this, the board has approved a proposal to increase the applicable threshold from the present ₹25,000 crore to ₹50,000 crore," Sebi chairman Tunhin Kanta Pandey said. Sebi move is aimed at changing the stock market dynamics without altering the concentration criteria. As of March 24, certain FPIs with assets under management of more than ₹25,000 crore are required to provide granular details of all their investors or stakeholders on a look-through basis. Sebi had in August 2023 made it mandatory for FPIs holding more than ₹25,000 crore-worth of AUM in the domestic markets to disclose details of all entities holding any ownership, economic interest, or control.

Sebi to set up panel to review disclosure norms for board officials

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

STUNG by the controversy over the alleged conflict of interest of its previous chief, the capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a high-level committee to review and fortify the public disclosure mechanism for its top officials so that there are no conflict of interest issues. The announcement came after the first Sebi board meeting of under its chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Monday.

Indirectly admitting that there is trust deficit within Sebi and among its stakeholders following the alleged failures of his predecessor Madhabi Puri Buch, Pandey said "there is a need to build trust in the institutions and by the stakeholders and the setting up of the high level panel will go a long way in building that."

Answering questions from reporters at his maiden press conference, he said "People inside or outside the organisation need to know that things are fine... if you don't have a framework how do you know what needs to be disclosed, how it needs to be disclosed... also where the complaints should be raised etc." Pandey said the proposed committee would also frame norms for making recusals by board members and other senior officials from a public probe, which is not done currently.

The chairman said that the objective of the high-level committee is to comprehensively review and make recommendations for enhancing the existing framework for managing conflict of interest, disclosures and related matters towards ensuring the high standard of transparency, accountability and ethical conduct of members and officials of the board. Pandey said the proposed panel will review the conflict of interest and disclosures related to the property, investments, and liabilities of board members and officials. The panel is expected to submit its recommendation within three months from the date of the constitution. The recommendations will then be placed in front of the board of directors for consideration, the chairman said. The committee will comprise distinguished personnel and experts with relevant backgrounds and experience. Jyoti Prakash Gadia, MD of merchant banking firm Resurgent India, said the move is a timely step towards strengthening the governance standards and efficacy of Sebi and will have a far-reaching impact on the financial world.

TRADE

BTA talks: US trade officials to visit today

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS part of the ongoing discussions on the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), a delegation of officials from the US will visit India from March 25-29. Ministry of Commerce and Industry officials said that assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch, along with a team of US government officials, will be visiting India for interactions at the official level. India and the US are engaged in negotiations under a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) to seek ways for expansion of trade and commerce between the two countries and iron out issues pertaining to tariff barriers between the two countries.

As directed by the leaders of the two countries, India remains committed to working with the US side in the trade and economic domains to enhance prosperity and innovation in both India and the US, and deepen supply chain integration between the two countries, read a statement by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. "We look forward to productive and constructive discussions with the incoming US delegation to expand and deepen our bilateral trade and economic ties in a mutually beneficial manner," it said.

EaseMyTrip enters aviation mkt; to acquire 49% stake in Big Charter

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

TRAVEL platform firm - EaseMyTrip - said on Monday that it has received in-principle Board approval to acquire a 49% stake in Big Charter Pvt Ltd, a player in India's charter aviation sector. This marks EaseMyTrip's entry into the charter and non-scheduled aviation market. Financial details of the deal have not been disclosed.

"The integration of their (Big Chart) Non-Scheduled Operator Permit (NSOP) operations will allow us to cater to a wider range of premium customers, further solidifying our commitment to driving the growth of India's charter aviation market," said Nishant Pitti, Chairman and Founder of EaseMyTrip. Pitti has regularly shown interest in acquiring the defunct airline Go First.

The proposed acquisition of Big Charter by EaseMyTrip comes as the Delhi-based company is looking to diversify from its mainstay ticket booking business.

In September last year, EaseMyTrip announced venturing into the electric bus manufacturing market through its new subsidiary, Easy Green Mobility. The company last month reported a 26.3% year-on-year (YoY) drop in net profit at ₹33.6 crore for the third quarter that ended December 31, 2024, from ₹45.6 crore in the same quarter in FY24.

The Indian charter aviation industry, currently valued at $650.5 million, is projected to grow to $1.14 billion by 2033. This growth, as per EaseMyTrip, is fueled by increasing demand for regional connectivity, corporate travel, and private flying. This acquisition, as per EaseMyTrip, will strengthen the company's position as a comprehensive travel provider, enabling it to capitalise on high-margin segments like charter services and NSOP operations.

Furthermore, the acquisition aligns with EaseMyTrip's broader mission to democratise travel, particularly in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, where Big Charter has a solid presence, the company said.

In FY 2023-24, Big Charter generated ₹128.75 crore in revenue. Sanjay Mandavia, Director of Big Charter, said, "Together, we are positioned to offer a more accessible and seamless travel experience, strengthening our mission to provide affordable, reliable, and high-quality travel options across India."

Start-ups see 9% surge in funding in Q1 2025

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

IN the first quarter of this calendar year (January-March 2025), start-ups have witnessed a 9% increase in funding at $2.5 billion. Of the total funding, $1.5 billion was raised only in March.

In the same quarter last year, start-ups had raised $2.3 billion, according to data sourced from Tracxn. This increase in funding shows that investors are betting big on start-ups, especially late-stage ($1.8 bn in Q12025). In contrast, seed-stage witnessed a 56% decline in fund raising as total funding stood at $157 million, a drop of 55.77% compared to $355 million raised in the same quarter last year.

Early-stage funding too saw a decline of 52% to $528 million in March quarter. Q1 2025 saw three 100 million+ funding rounds when compared to two in Q1 2024.

A major part of these $100 million+ funding rounds are from Auto Tech, Enterprise Applications, Real Estate and Construction Tech, according to Tracxn. Neha Singh, Co-Founder of Tracxn, said, "While the funding environment remains dynamic, India's start-up ecosystem continues to demonstrate adaptability and growth. Key sectors like Auto Tech, Enterprise Applications, and Retail are attracting investor interest, and the rise in acquisitions signals a maturing market. Innovation and entrepreneurship remain at the core of this ecosystem, positioning India for long-term success."

In its Geo Quarterly India Tech Report, Tracxn highlighted that a total of 38 acquisitions took place in Q1 2025, a 15.15% increase from the previous quarter and a 40.74% rise from 27 acquisitions in Q1 2024. The largest deal was Magma General's $516 million acquisition by DS Group and Patanjali Ayurved, making it the highest-valued acquisition of Q1 2025, surpassing Minimalist's $350 million acquisition by HUL.

Delhi-based tech firms accounted for 40% of all funding seen by tech companies across India. This was followed by Bengaluru accounting for 21.64%. While Auto Tech received funding of $1.1 billion, which was an increase of 339.71% compared to $245.7 million raised in Q1 2024, Enterprise Applications received $650.7 million, a drop of 8.12% compared to $708.2 million raised in the year-ago period.

Only 8% disbursed under telecom PLI in FY25

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

DISBURSEMENTS under the Production-linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for telecom manufacturing have been a paltry ₹13.75 crore against the revised estimate (RE) of ₹1,450.97 crore for 2024-25, a parliamentary committee on the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) revealed in its report recently.

Raising concern over the low disbursement of funds in the current financial year, the committee said in its report that "the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, aimed at encouraging telecom manufacturing, has seen only 8% utilisation, which is disappointing."

The committee, led by Member of Parliament Nishikant Dubey, recommended that the DoT should review and revamp the PLI scheme's disbursement model to ensure that funds reach eligible manufacturers on time. It also suggested that the eligibility criteria be simplified and the incentive structures strengthened to encourage greater participation from Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in telecom equipment production.

The government launched the PLI scheme in 2021 to bolster domestic manufacturing in the telecom sector with a total outlay of ₹12,195 crore. The scheme covers 33 telecom and networking products, for which companies can claim incentives.

According to a written reply by Minister of State for Communications Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar in the Rajya Sabha, beneficiaries have made an investment of ₹4,081 crore as of 31 January 2025, generating total sales of ₹78,672 crore, including export sales worth ₹14,963 crore. Additionally, the scheme has generated employment for 26,351 individuals. "The Committee is particularly concerned about the alarmingly low utilization of funds in the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme (8%) and International Cooperation (21%), as these initiatives are crucial for strengthening indigenous telecom manufacturing and enhancing India's global presence in the sector," the report reads.

The committee also emphasised the need for equitable fund distribution, particularly for MSMEs, which are key beneficiaries of the scheme.

It recommended the establishment of a mid-year review mechanism to address systemic issues and facilitate the reallocation of funds to areas where they are most needed. Furthermore, the committee urged the DoT to proactively engage with industry stakeholders to ensure timely claim submissions and incentive disbursements.

Airtel's MD Vittal elected as new GSMA chairman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BHARTI Airtel's vice-chairman and managing director Gopal Vittal has been elected as the new Chairman of the GSMA, effective until the end of 2026. Vittal, who was serving as the acting chair since January, will oversee the strategic direction of the GSMA, a global telecom industry body representing over 1,100 mobile operators and companies worldwide. The GSMA's membership includes over 1,100 telecom companies, as well as handset and device manufacturers, software firms, equipment providers, internet companies, and organisations from adjacent industry sectors.

"I am honoured to be elected as the Chair of the GSMA Board. The mobile industry contributed $6.5 trillion to the global economy in 2024 and is the spine on which much of the innovation in the world is built. The GSMA, as a global organisation unifying the mobile ecosystem, is fundamental to discover, develop and deliver innovation that impacts positive change for all. I look forward to working closely with the GSMA team and the rest of the Board to continue this important work," said Vittal.

EXPRESS READ

Contractual job for women only in metro

BENGALURU: Employment opportunities for women, particularly in contractual roles, are primarily concentrated in metropolitan and industrial hubs, and there is huge potential to expand such scope in tier II and III cities, a report said on Monday. Maharashtra leading with 28.7%, followed by Tamil Nadu (14.2%), TeamLease Services said.

Brigade buys 4.4 acre land in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: Realty firm Brigade Enterprises has acquired 4.4 acres of land in Whitefield Bengaluru to develop a housing project with an estimated revenue of ₹950 crore. In a regulatory filing on Monday, the company said it will develop a premium residential project with a total development potential of 0.6 million (6 lakh) square feet and a Gross Development Value of approximately ₹950 crore.

Ex-Bangladesh captain Tamim in hospital after heart attack

Former Bangladesh ODI captain Tamim Iqbal was taken to hospital on Monday after suffering a heart attack on the field during a domestic tie. Tamim, 36, was leading Mohammedan Sporting Club in a match of the 50-over Dhaka Premier Division Cricket League. He complained of chest pain and after treatment on the field he was transported to a hospital.

From Malappuram to a starry IPL night in Chennai — Vignesh's tale

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

THE nature of the Indian Premier League (IPL) doesn't lend itself well to the primacy of scouts. Because of the absence of transfer fees and presence of auctions, teams may, at some point in time, be forced to release players they shaped and built in their own image.

Some franchises, though, have continued to unearth and develop players despite the talent drain. Mumbai Indians have a penchant for doing this. Over the last 14 years or so, they have scouted and onboarded the likes of Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah and Hardik Pandya, three World Cup-winners and India regulars across formats.

There have been other, more recent success stories. Nehal Wadhera is one name that readily comes to mind. In 2025, that honour belongs to Vignesh Puthur, the Malappuram-born Kerala left-arm wrist-spinner who hadn't played a senior game for the State. Yet, less than an hour after Noor Ahmad's dazzling spell, Puthur tried his best to keep his team in the game. And, for a period of time, he did just that by accounting for Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shivam Dube and Deepak Hooda across 12 balls. Like most left-arm wrist-spinners — the rarest primary skill because there are very few practitioners of this art form in the game — there is a mystery element attached to him.

It's what attracted Mumbai when he trialled with him before the mega auctions last year. "I think the uniqueness," said bowling coach, Paras Mhambrey. "I think in this format, you need to be a little bit different. You see all the Chinaman bowlers — Kuldeep prior to this has done well. So I think the idea of how we use him in terms of the potential that he has."

Because he was inexperienced — not really a problem because every year the league does tend to throw up performances from greenhorns — Mumbai wanted him to bring him upto speed. And fast. So they put the 23-year-old, who had initially caught the eye while playing for Alleppey Ripples in the first season of the Kerala Premier League, on a flight to be a net bowler for their sister concern, MI Cape Town. He spent more than a month bowling to the likes of Ryan Rickelton as well as shadowing the likes of Rashid Khan.

If that was part one of the plan, the second one was rather more fundamental. Would he

MI's Vignesh Puthur (C) had a dream debut against CSK on Sunday | R SRIRAM

make an impression on the likes of Rohit Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav in pre-season? The answer was yes. "I think when Rohit, Surya and Tilak (Varma)... when all these guys batted against him, they felt it wasn't easy," Mhambrey, former India bowling coach, said. It was why they decided to give him an IPL debut at Chennai. "Never easy, first game against CSK. But purely the way he responded, hats off. I think he got us in the game. Very happy about his performance."

After coming in as an Impact player in the second innings, he was pressed into service to defend what looked like a lost cause. With two well-set batters — Rachin Ravindra and Gaikwad — at the crease, it seemed like a case of giving the 24-year-old some experience with next to no pressure. Five balls later, he had removed the hosts' skipper. The ball was in the slot to be pumped downtown, an option Gaikwad accepted. But he holed out just inside the boundary at long off. Dube perished in similar fashion, a boundary rider accepting the offering. Both of those balls were there in the slot but Puthur, son of an autorickshaw driver, will say you stand a chance of winning the lottery only when you buy the ticket. He bought a ticket.

These are very early days in his career but his journey from Malappuram — very much football country and a cricketing backwater — to Mumbai is just getting started. What was his initial few days like in the dressing room? "He's a sweet kid. He's a lovely kid to have in the team. He's more like a sponge right now, just absorbing everything, looking around, having conversations. You have heroes, you see them playing on TV, and all of a sudden, you are sharing the dressing room with them, sitting next to someone like Rohit. It's a dream come true for a lot of these guys, right?"

His technical attributes also checkout, according to Mhambrey. "He spins the ball pretty consistently. Lands the ball on pretty much what we wanted. Is pretty accurate... I think those are the tick marks that we look into but not only that."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

NIGHT OF GIANTS-KILLERS

Ashutosh and Vipraj play twin blinders at the backend to help Delhi script memorable win

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AT one point Ashutosh Sharma was batting on 19 off 19 at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam on Monday. The required run-rate for Delhi Capitals had gone up to 13.42 and Lucknow Super Giants had just removed Tristan Stubbs. 94 runs from 42 balls seemed like a mountain too high to climb.

But Ashutosh knew what he was doing. This is what he did for Punjab Kings last season and that is why LSG signed him for ₹3.8 crores and sent him in as an Impact Player. Even DC knew that. What they, and even most of fans watching, were not ready for was Vipraj Nigam. The Uttar Pradesh all-rounder who rose to prominence with his bowling in UP T20 League smashed 17 off the Ravi Bishnoi over. Another 15 off Shahbaz Ahmed in the next over meant Ashutosh had a breathing space. Soon, he got going. A six and four off Prince Yadav from Ashutosh was followed by a couple of boundaries from Nigam. 20 runs came off it, cumulatively adding to the 52 runs they had scored in the last three overs. Nigam got out for 39 off 15, but Ashutosh took over. He played his finisher role to perfection, taking calculative risks, attacking every single bowler along the way. He did so even as wickets kept falling at the other end. It came down to six off six with just one wicket in hand. That, however, was not going to stop Ashutosh as he sealed of the chase with a six downtown — 66 not out off 31 balls. Ashutosh had become the Giants killer for the Capitals.

DC's Ashutosh Sharma (R) celebrates after winning the match | G SATYANARAYANA

Marsh, Pooran show

On February 3, 2025, Mitchell Marsh, who had been dropped from the Australian Test team, was at the Cricket Australia annual awards narrating a story. He had had a horrid summer with the bat against India, especially Jasprit Bumrah, and lost his place in the side. He was at home as Australia toured Sri Lanka and was playing some backyard cricket where his four-year-old nephew Ted imitated Bumrah's bowling action. "We were playing backyard cricket the other day and he came to me with Bum's (Jasprit Bumrah) action. And nightmare continued," said Marsh sending the room to a laughter riot. That is just how Mitch Marsh is. Cut to March 24, 2025. Marsh is in Visakhapatnam. There is no Bumrah in front of him, but that is a different issue altogether, and Marsh was smashing the ball all around as hard as he always could. For a team that had a bewildering auction and is plagued with injury, LSG needed Marsh to come to the party and he did so in their first game of the season. His 36-ball 72 set the ton before Nicholas Pooran, the big retention player, took charge. The West Indian smashed 28 runs off Tristan Stubbs on his way to a 30-ball 70. The duo put together contributed 142 in 11 overs while the remaining including Rishabh Pant could only manage 67 off the remaining nine as LSG got to 209/8.

Rishabh Pant had an off day | G SATYANARAYANA

Pant falters

Meanwhile, Pant, who is also the most expensive player of the IPL, did not have a good start to the season, getting out for a duck after facing six balls. Pant, whose last professional outing across formats came on January 24 during the Ranji Trophy, had since warmed the bench through the India-England ODI series and Champions Trophy. Which is why, even before he walked out bat amidst a batting bonanza from Marsh and Pooran, Pant was under the lens. While still being the most important batter of the Test team, Pant is not a regular in the white ball set up. He had left the DC and was signed for ₹27 crore, perhaps the highest any cricketer has been signed for across T20 league.

Things got only worse as the evening progressed. Pant made questionable bowling changes, dropped a catch, missed a run out and a stumping as Capitals won the contest out of nowhere. One bad day might not necessarily represent the quality of Pant, but if he isn't able to turn things around, the pressure of price tag and captaincy will only inflate from hereon.

Brief scores: LSG 209/8 in 20 ovs (Marsh 72, Pooran 75; Starc 3/42) **lost to** DC 211/9 in 19.3 ovs (Ashutosh 66 n.o, Vipraj 39).

Seeking bright start

GUJARAT TITANS AND PUNJAB KINGS, TWO TEAMS WHO DIDN'T HAVE GOOD SEASONS IN 2024, SEARCH FOR A BIG STATEMENT IN THEIR OPENING MATCH ON TUESDAY. A LOOK...

IYER-PONTING DYNAMIC

Shreyas Iyer has enjoyed an immense last 16 months or so. Can he continue his upward trajectory in the company of coach Ricky Ponting. The pair know each other from their time together at Delhi.

GUJARAT TITANS VS PUNJAB KINGS, AHMEDABAD
LIVE ON STAR SPORTS & JIOHOTSTAR, 7.30 PM

GUJARAT'S BOWLING TRIO

Mohammed Siraj, Kagiso Rabada and Prasidh Krishna... that's a handy trio of bowlers to have. They each possess different skills and could complement each other. When you throw in Rashid Khan into the mix... it could make for a heady cocktail.

ARSHDEEP VS GUJARAT TOP-ORDER

Arshdeep Singh, India's best T20I bowler in terms of wickets, finds swing and picks wickets. It's what he does. With the hosts not having ballast in the lower order, this battle could be key in the outcome of the match.

Always an honour to open for Chennai, says Rachin

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

CHENNAI Super Kings have had a line of elite openers. Right from the days of Matt Hayden, the franchise have based their planning on an overseas opener. Matt Hayden, Michael Hussey, Faf du Plessis, Shane Watson and, most recently, Devon Conway.

Rachin Ravindra, battling with Conway for that overseas opener slot, wants to join that list someday. On the basis of his calm, assured unbeaten 65, the Kiwi is in position A1.

"It's always an honour to open for CSK knowing the history," he remarked to scribes after their opener against Mumbai on Sunday. "You look back at the heroes... the (Mike) Husseys, the (Shane) Watsons, the (Brendon) McCullums, the (Faf) du Plessis, the Rutus (Ruturaj Gaikwad). I feel like I'm missing a few names there. It's

certainly an honour. They are guys who've done so well. I'm grateful to be in this role."

With MS Dhoni's status as wicketkeeper intact, Ravindra's secondary skill gives him the edge over Conway, at least at this point in time. However, the 25-year-old, who had a very good Champions Trophy, said the decision over his long-term prospects was still in the air. "We'll take a game by game and we know it's long tournament. So, we'll just see what happens."

Ravindra, who made his IPL debut for the same franchise post a stellar 2023 50-over World Cup, began his debut season in similar vein. After some quick-fire knocks of 37 and 46, his fortunes worsened as the runs dried. He admitted as much. "(Last season) probably didn't go as well as I would have wanted at the end," he said. "But slowly starting to find a wee bit of a tempo in that last game against (Royal Challengers) Bengaluru, in Bengaluru and hopefully may continue. Look, we know T20 is a fickle game, and results go up and down. But hopefully I can bat the way I want to and hit good cricket shots and it results in wins for our CSK."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Paddlers' show from today

With the WTT Star Contender event scheduled to get underway in Chennai from Tuesday, a look at the tournament.

Elite player field

While the top Chinese players are absent, the men's singles field will be led by the 21-year-old Tomokazu Harimoto. Brazil's Hugo Calderano, who finished fourth in Paris, will be another star attraction. In terms of Olympic medallists from the French capital, Japan's Hina Hayata, who won two, is the numero uno in the women's singles category. Miwa Harimoto, who won silver in the women's team event, is aiming for a treble.

Sharath's swansong

From an Indian perspective, this will be A Sharath Kamal's final competitive tournament. With lots of miles in his legs, the 43-year-old has had enough and will hang up his paddles. Can he make it a special week in front of his home fans in Chennai, where he has curiously not played many tournaments over the last two decades.

Manika, Sreeja in the top 10

In the women's singles event, both Manika Batra and Sreeja Akula are seeded ninth and 10th respectively. Manika has had some exceptional one-off performances but she still needs multiple wins against higher-ranked opponents in one week to take home what will be one of her biggest titles thus far.

Manush/Manav top seeds

In the men's doubles event, the Indian pair of Manush Shah and Manav Thakkar are the first seeds (they are World No. 9). The draw is shorn of some top names and it gives them the perfect opportunity to go deep into the tournament.

Know the tournament

When	March 25 to March 30
Where	JN Indoor Stadium
Prize money	$275000
Qualifiers	March 25 and 26

FORMAT: PLAYOFFS

- **For men's and women's singles,** R64. Five matches to enter final
- **For all doubles,** R16. Three matches to enter final

TOP THREE: MEN

Tomokazu Harimoto	World No. 3
Hugo Calderano	No. 5
Jonathan Groth	No. 17

TOP THREE: WOMEN

Hina Hayata	World No. 5
Miwa Harimoto	No. 6
Satsuki Odo	No. 8

MEN'S DOUBLES

Manush Shah/Manav Thakkar	CPR 39
Lim Jonghoon/An Jaehyun	CPR 64
Ho Kwan Kit/Yiu Kwan To	CPR 92

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Satsuki Odo/Sakura Yokoi	CPR 5
Zhu Chengzhu/Ng Wing Lam	CPR 35
Miyuu Kihara/Miwa Harimoto	CPR 49

MIXED DOUBLES

Wong Chun/Doo Hoi Kem	CPR 11
Lim Jonghoon/Shin Yubin	CPR 23
Sora Matsushima/Miwa Harimoto	CPR 31

Minakshi, Pooja book semis berth

ENS/AGENCIES @ Greater Noida

REIGNING national champion Minakshi (45-48kg) produced a giant performance on Monday.

Up against Nitu Ghanghas, a more-renowned name in amateur boxing circuit, in the quarterfinals of the ongoing women's national boxing championship in Greater Noida, the All India Police pugilist put up a fighting show to script a victory by split verdict (4-1). Nitu is a former World Championships and Commonwealth Games gold winner and has more exposure at the elite level.

Another well-known name, **Pooja Rani** (Haryana), was also among winners on the day as she beat Komal of Punjab by 5-0 scoreline in the 75-80kg category. Sanamacha Chanu (65-70kg) continued her happy run with yet another dominant display. The referee was forced to stop her contest (due to her dominance) during her contest against Karnataka's AA Saanchi Bollamma. Experienced Sonia Lather, meanwhile, was tested to the limits. She posted a narrow win (4-3) over Chandigarh's Monika. Lalita (65-70kg) of Rajasthan also advanced. Joining her in the semifinals were All India Police's Sanju and Uttar Pradesh's Aparajita Mani, both clinching crucial victories to keep their title hopes alive. Joining her in the semifinals were All India Police's Sanju and Uttar Pradesh's Aparajita Mani, both clinching crucial victories to keep their title hopes alive.

EXPRESS READ

WFI chief elected UWW Bureau Member-Asia

CHENNAI: Sanjay Kumar Singh, president of Wrestling Federation of India, has been elected as a Bureau Member of United World Wrestling (UWW)-Asia. The election took place during the UWW-Asia General Assembly held in Amman, Jordan on Monday. During the election, Sanjay Singh secured 22 votes out of 38.

Former CWG medallist Sumeeth retires

NEW DELHI: India's doubles specialist B Sumeeth Reddy, a member of the 2022 CWG mixed team silver medal-winning squad, has announced his retirement as an active badminton player to focus entirely on coaching.

India versus B'desh in Asian Cup qualifiers

SHILLONG: A 3-0 thrashing of Maldives in their first international match of the year will certainly boost their confidence, but India will be wary of Bangladesh in their 2027 AFC Asian Cup qualifying round match here on Tuesday.

FOOTBALL

Spain set up France Nations League semifinal

AGENCIES @ Paris

HOLDERS Spain beat the Netherlands on penalties after a dramatic quarterfinal second leg in Valencia finished 3-3 on Sunday to set up a Nations League last-four clash with France, who edged Croatia in a shoot-out after a 2-2 aggregate draw.

On a dramatic night, Portugal battled past Denmark in extra time and will next face Finals hosts Germany after their tense 5-4 aggregate victory over Italy. European champions Spain took the lead in the tie, after Thursday's 2-2 first-leg draw, when Mikel Oyarzabal picked himself up after being fouled in the box to slot home an early penalty.

Spain's players celebrate after their match against Netherlands | AFP

The Netherlands equalised nine minutes into the second half as Memphis Depay also won and then netted a spot-kick. Oyarzabal grabbed his second in the 67th minute after a strong run forward by Nico Williams, only for the Dutch to level again with 11 minutes remaining through Ian Maatsen's fierce strike. Lamine Yamal struck shortly before the interval in extra time, though, curling the ball into the far corner after a couple of superb touches.

There was yet another twist as Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon brought down Xavi Simons, who picked himself up to score. Spain edged home 5-4 in the shoot-out despite a miss from Yamal, as Simon saved from Netherlands winger Donyell Malen and Pedri struck the winning penalty.

Quarter-miler Rupal triumphs

ENS @ Trivandrum

UTTAR Pradesh's Rupal Chaudhary won gold in women's 400m at the Indian Open 400m Competition here on Monday. The World U20 bronze medallist clocked 52.41s. Asian Games medallist, R Vithya Ramraj of Tamil Nadu trailed at second place. She clocked 53.62 seconds. Kerala's Sneha K was third with a time of 54.09 seconds. The men's 400m race A was dominated by Kerala's Manu TS (46.51s). Delhi's international runner Jay clocked 46.93s. Tushar Manna also from Delhi finished third (47.00 seconds). The winner of men's 400m race B was Mohit Kumar of Haryana (47.29s).

In India, tuberculosis of the spine, which is not seen as much in other countries, is common. Apart from these, tumours, infections, trauma, and disc prolapse also contribute significantly to spine problems

SPINE OF THE MATTER

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

A 13-YEAR-OLD school student, Rishab (name changed), had to seek immediate treatment when one day he suddenly developed lower back pain accompanied by shooting pain in both his lower limbs. He even found it difficult to walk. The Delhi student, who was brilliant in his studies and rarely missed school, had to halt his studies.

After a detailed evaluation, he was diagnosed with a genetic condition that leads to narrowing of the canal of the spinal cord. With the help of intraoperative CT and neuromonitoring, surgery was carried out at the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, Vasant Kunj, Delhi, which helped him walk again.

Today, the boy is recovering and, hopefully, will soon pick up where he left off.

Similarly, 40-year-old Anil Kumar (name changed), who was a carpenter in Bengaluru, suddenly suffered from severe pain in the back and left leg. He had mistakenly lifted a weighty object without taking proper precautions.

The MRI showed a large extruded disc which had come out of its usual place and was severely compressing the left-sided nerve root. As he was scared of surgery, his friends and family took him for multiple alternative treatments. But there was no relief.

Finally, when he could not take the severe unbearable pain, and was unable to sit for more than five minutes and suffered from weakness in his legs, he underwent a minimally invasive microdiscectomy - a minimally invasive spinal surgery removes part of a herniated disc in the lower back. The pain subsided immediately, and he was able to walk comfortably.

Both the Delhi schoolboy and the 40-year-old man suffered from spine-related problems, which, according to experts, are becoming very common in India.

Highlighting the notable increase in spine-related problems among the Indian population, Dr Deepak Joshi, director, Sports Injury Centre, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC), and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi, said approximately 60% of Indians may experience significant spine-related issues at some point in their lives. "Studies indicate that lower back pain (LBP) has a prevalence rate of 48%," he said.

According to the World Health Organisation, in 2020, lower back pain affected 619 million people globally, and it is estimated that the number of cases will increase to 843 million by 2050, mainly driven by population expansion and ageing.

LBP is the single leading cause of disability worldwide and the condition for which the most significant number of people may benefit from rehabilitation. It can be experienced at any age, and most people experience LBP at least once.

According to Dr Vikas Tandon, director and chief of Spine Services at the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, Vasant Kunj, who treated the Delhi schoolboy, spine health is often overlooked in India.

"We often hear about the importance of physical health, but one of the most overlooked areas is spine health. Your spine plays a crucial role in your overall well-being, supporting your head, allowing movement, and protecting the delicate spinal cord that sends signals to the rest of your body."

"Your spine is much more than just a structure that holds you upright - it's the foundation of your mobility and overall function," he stressed.

Why is spine health important?

Dr Aashish Chaudhry, director and head, Department of Orthopaedics and Joint Replacement, Aakash Healthcare, Dwarka, Delhi, said spine health becomes extremely important because it is a central axis of the human body, which, at the same time, is responsible for providing stability in the standing or bending or a sitting position and at the same time give enough flexibility to carry out all the regular physical activities and even the sporting and the aggressive physical activities. "All are possible because of the spine's health," he said.

The main reasons for the rise in spine-related problems in the Indian population, according to Dr Joshi, are a sedentary lifestyle, poor posture, obesity, and ageing, and is seen more in women, rural population and labour-intensive workers.

Dr Anup Khatri, senior consultant in Orthopedics at Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai, added long working hours and excessive screen use could also contribute to spine-related problems.

"Spine problems can be seen more among office workers, IT professionals, older adults, and manual labourers. These people often sit in front of their digital screen for hours, lift weights, and rarely get time to stay mobile. This can negatively increase their risk of spine problems."

Dr Dhruv Chaturvedi, associate director of Neurosurgery at PSRI Hospital, Delhi, said another category of people experiencing increasing spinal problems is young adults, especially those who go to the gym and do deadlifts and weighted squats and may develop lumbar spine problems.

Agreeing that spine-related problems have gone up in the country, Dr Raghuram G, additional director of Meurosurgery, Fortis Hospital Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, said one reason could be the bad quality of roads and the increasing number of people doing desk jobs and having poor posture.

It could also be because more and more Indians are becoming diabetic and obese, which indirectly affects the spine health, Dr Chaudhry said, adding he is seeing many children in the age group of 15-17 years suffering from spine-related problems because they spend more time on screen than outdoors.

"Most Indians are leading a sedentary lifestyle. The physical activities of most people, even children, are less. All these factors are significantly leading to an increase in spine-related issues in the Indian population." Spine-related problems Low back pain, slipped discs, spondylitis, sciatica, osteoporosis, and spinal stenosis are the most common spinal problems being reported in the country. Spinal cord injuries and degenerative spine diseases are the other commonly reported spine problems.

Road traffic accidents and sporting activities also lead to many spinal fractures, which are acute conditions and can cause permanent or temporary paralysis of the lower limb or the upper limbs.

The treatment options range from non-surgical management in the form of anti-inflammatory drugs, physiotherapy, core or back muscle strengthening exercises, and epidural steroid injections to surgical management, said Dr Tandon.

According to Dr Biji Bahuleyan, senior neurosurgeon and spine surgeon at Welcare Hospital, Kochi, excluding patients with spine infections and malignancies, a significant number of patients with spine degenerative diseases improve with conservative treatment measures like lifestyle modification, medications, and physiotherapy. "Hence, this should be tried first in all patients for at least 6-8 weeks before considering them for surgery. An MRI of the spine with or without a CT scan is important in all patients who do not improve with the above mode of treatment. If patients do not improve with these measures' surgery should be considered based on what is seen on the MRI."

He said the surgery to be offered depends on the cause of the patient's symptoms. "For example, patients with disc prolapse are candidates for discectomy (removal of the prolapsed disc). For spondylolysis, spondylolisthesis or scoliosis, decompression of the spinal cord and roots with fusion of the vertebrae with the aid of titanium screws and rods is recommended."

Dr Raghuram G, who treated the Bengaluru-based carpenter, said spinal surgeries are usually considered safe and successful.

"Spine surgeries in India boast high success rates, typically 80% to 95%, depending on the procedure and patient health. However, the outcome of the surgery mostly depends on the patient's condition and physical well-being. Advanced surgical techniques like robotic surgery have improved recovery rates with minimal incisions." But not all spine problems need surgeries. Dr Joshi says surgeries are typically performed to address degenerative conditions, injuries, deformities, and spine tumours.

Mantra for a healthy spine

The best approach is to ensure proper posture, mobility, and flexibility, which will lead to pain-free living.

"For a healthy spine, you have to exercise regularly (especially your core and back muscles), maintain good posture, lift properly (always bend your knees, not your back, when lifting heavy objects), maintain a healthy weight, and avoid smoking," added Dr Tandon. Dr Khatri also suggested that people should avoid lifting heavy weights without proper technique or support. "Individuals are advised to use ergonomic chairs, take frequent small breaks from sitting and sleep on firm mattresses to protect their spine."

For those on desk jobs, Dr Raghuram G stressed they should take regular breaks to stretch and move around, maintain a healthy weight, and exercise regularly. At the end of the day, spine health matters as it provides structural support for one to stand, sit and move with ease.

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DAY'S DIARY

Inception of EU

On this day in 1957, treaties establishing the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community were signed

PURPOSE

The EEC Treaty created a common market among the six participating countries with an aim to foster closer links and boost economic growth through increased trade

SPECIFIC GOALS

The EAEC treaty was to develop peaceful applications of atomic energy. It was signed by six countries. The treaties are called the Treaties of Rome

FIRST MEETING

The European Parliamentary Assembly held its first session on March 19, 1958. A provision was made for members to be directly elected

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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Cremation of Covid-19 victims on multiple pyre sites | FILE PICS : VINOD KUMAR T, NAGARAJA GADEKAL, PANDARINATH B, SHRIRAM B N

Mourners break down after not being allowed near the remains of their loved ones

A potential patient being tested for Covid-19 at a public health facility

LOCKED UP MEMORIES

On the 5th anniversary of the first nationwide Covid-19 lockdown. *CE* presents a flashback

Pause for a moment. Close your eyes, and rewind to 2020. It was on March 25, five years ago, that the nationwide lockdown announced by PM Narendra Modi the evening before, started to be in effect. It was a harrowing time when a microscopic entity brought humankind's relentless pursuit of progress to an abrupt halt.

What began as a cluster of mysterious fever cases in Wuhan, China, soon spiralled into a devastating global crisis.

Today, people jest about having a survival story to tell future generations, yet beneath the humour lies the weight of collective loss, resilience, and reckoning.

Five years have passed in a jiffy, right? And we find ourselves slipping back into familiar patterns. Should we?

If the pandemic taught us anything, it was the fragility of life, the power of community, and the need to pause, reflect, and cherish the ordinary moments we once took for granted. Let us not forget.

A coconut seller walks through a deserted SP Road under lockdown

Rations being distributed to the needy in Bommaganahalli

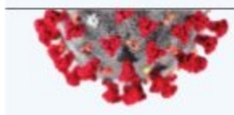
Kids feeding dogs during lockdown, BVK Iyengar Road

Students of Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College sit for an exam wearing PPE kits

An ambulance driver is forced to fix the vehicle while transporting a patient

A QUICK RECAP

- **December 31, 2019** – China alerts the WHO about cases of pneumonia of unknown cause in Wuhan, Hubei province.
- **January 7, 2020** – Chinese scientists identify a new coronavirus, later named SARS-CoV-2.
- **January 11, 2020** – China reports the first death linked to Covid-19 in Wuhan.
- **January 30, 2020** – WHO declares Covid-19 a public health emergency of international concern.
- **January 30, 2020** – India reports its first confirmed Covid-19 case in Thrissur, a student who returned from Wuhan.
- **February 11, 2020**- The disease is officially named Covid-19.
- **March 11, 2020** – WHO declares Covid-19 a global pandemic.
- **March 12, 2020** – India reports its first Covid-19 death (a 76-year-old man in Karnataka).
- **March 22, 2020** – Janata Curfew to prepare for social distancing measures.
- **March 24, 2020** – Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces a 21-day nationwide lockdown, which is later extended multiple times.
- **April 4, 2020** - WHO reports that over 1 million cases of Covid-19 have been confirmed worldwide.
- **May 1, 2020** – India begins the Vande Bharat Mission to repatriate stranded Indians.
- **August 15, 2020** – India's first indigenous vaccine, Covaxin, is announced by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with ICMR.
- **December 2, 2020** – The UK becomes the first country to approve a Covid-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech).
- **December 14, 2020** – The first Covid-19 vaccination is administered in the UK to a 90-year-old woman.
- **December 31, 2020** – WHO grants emergency use approval to Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine.
- **January 3, 2021** – India grants emergency use approval to Covaxin and Covishield.
- **January 16, 2021** – India begins its Covid-19 vaccination drive, prioritising healthcare and frontline workers.
- **March 1, 2021** – Vaccination expands to senior citizens (60+) and those with comorbidities (45+).
- **May 1, 2021** – Vaccination eligibility opens for all adults (18+).
- **June 21, 2021** – India administers a record 8.6 million vaccine doses in a single day.
- **October 21, 2021** – India crosses 1 billion vaccine doses
- **November 26, 2021**- WHO declares Omicron as variant of concern.
- **December 2021** – The Omicron variant (B.1.1.529) is detected in India.
- **January 3, 2022** – India starts vaccinating teenagers aged 15–18.
- **January 10, 2022** – India begins booster (precautionary) doses for frontline workers and senior citizens.
- **January 20, 2022** – Peak of the third wave.
- **March 2022** – Cases decline, and restrictions are gradually lifted.
- **April 10, 2022** – Booster doses expanded to all adults.
- **March 31, 2022**- India lifts all covid restrictions, except masks.
- **July 17, 2022** – India surpasses 2 billion vaccine doses administered.
- **May 5, 2023** – WHO declares that Covid-19 is no longer a global health emergency, confirming the pandemic's end.



70,90,776
Total global deaths: (an increase of 469 over the past week. Source: WHO)

5,33,664
Total number of deaths in India as of March 24, 2025: There are 6 active cases in the country.

40,411
Covid-19 deaths in Karnataka

17,001
Covid-19 deaths in Bengaluru

Sources: Union Health Ministry dashboard, BBMP dashboard

ART INDIA

Sanhita, an ongoing exhibition, showcases Air India's art collection, including works by MF Hussain and Salvador Dali, at NGMA

ANJALI RAM

B Prabha's *Sunrise* (1979, oil on canvas)

The National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Vasanth Nagar, is hosting Sanhita: A New Beginning, their ongoing art exhibition of the Air India art collection. The exhibition features over 180 artworks and sculptures; it celebrates the rich legacy of Air India, showcasing masterpieces by both Indian and international artists.

"This exhibition is a follow-up to the handover of the Air India collection to NGMA in 2022 and 2023. Now, with the collection fully integrated, this is the first major exhibition showcasing these works," says Priyanka Mary Francis, the director of NGMA.

Many of these works were exhibited as masterpieces from well-known artists, both Indian as well as international, who gifted the works themselves. Recounting the significance of the artworks, Francis shares, "During the inauguration, art historian Yamini Telkar mentioned that many artists including MF Hussain and Salvador Dali, who were struggling to find funds to travel to different foreign locations for exhibitions, offered to give artworks from their collection to travel to those particular locations. So that is how some of these collections have come into Air India's possession."

When asked about what visitors can expect, Francis shares, "Dali's famous *Ashtray* is under display; other than that, Anjali Ramayanan's works on wooden frames and window frames, MF Hussain's *Horses*, and many works of prominent artists like PP Shakti Burman, Manu Parekh, Jitish Kallat, and SG Vasudev, who is from Bengaluru."

GR Santosh's *Sun God Surya* (1973, oil on canvas)

Initially, the exhibition was showcased in Mumbai as 'Maharaja Collection'. "The name, curation, display, and conceptualisation of the exhibition except for the artworks, are different from the Mumbai exhibition," says Subarno Patro, who curated the exhibition with Darshan Kumar. The title 'Sanhita', which translates to coming together or union, encapsulates the essence of the exhibition, as it binds together artworks from different periods of history. "The artist B Prabha, whose work is exhibited, was one of the first women Air India approached for the collection. She took the initiative to decorate the interior of Air India's Boeing 747," Patro shares. "The curation of the exhibition was different then. Now, after the merger is complete, the Bengaluru team has curated it differently," Francis adds.

The inclusive features of the exhibition with braille make it unique. "We have opened a particular tactile section for the first time in the history of NGMA for people with disabilities, who can enjoy the artworks by touching them," Francis says, further explaining, "This section has 15 of the famous artworks reproduced for touch. There are QR codes set up for disabled visitors to scan."

The exhibition also caters to children. "We have also introduced some games for the children as part of this exhibition. Once they scan the QR code, they will get four different games and one quiz, which will increase their curiosity about the exhibition," Francis says.

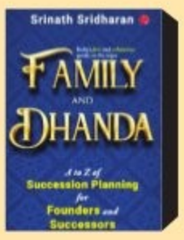
(The exhibition was commemorated on March 7 and is ongoing)

CITY READ

Jazz-rock music show on March 28 & 29

Windmills, Whitefield, presents an electrifying experience as Trio Bobo teams up with Varijashree Venugopal for an evening of jazz rock on March 28 & 29, 9.30pm. Trio Bobo, featuring Christian Meyer (drums), Faso (bass), and Alessio Menconi (guitar), is renowned for its fusion of jazz, African rhythms, and prog rock. Tickets are priced at ₹639+ for standing and ₹1695+ for seating.

BOOK NOOK



Family and Dhanda: A to Z of Succession Planning for Founders and Successors

By Srinath Sridharan

It talks about how family-owned businesses (FOBs) are the backbone of India's economy, contributing over 75 per cent to the national GDP – among the highest globally.

Each Little Bird That Sing: Discover India's Birds and Their Myths and Legends

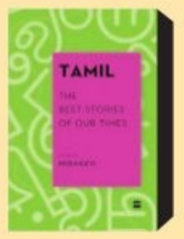
By Jayantika Davé

It makes bird identification effortless by grouping 250 common Indian birds by their predominant colour and size, allowing even a beginner to recognize them at a glance.

The Wall Friends Club

By Varsha Seshan, Denise Antao

Told completely via the letters they send each other, this book is a heartwarming story about friendship, understanding, and embracing differences.



Tamil: The Best Stories of Our Times

Edited By Perundevi

It brings together twenty-two outstanding short stories published over the past three decades by some of the finest contemporary writers of Tamil fiction.

FEAST IN THE BLOOMS

A squirrel spotted enjoying nuts amidst the blooms of a yellow tabebuia tree at Vidhana Soudha | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICKFIX

BUTTER GARLIC CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

- **Boneless chicken:** 250g
- **Garlic cloves:** 5-6 finely chopped
- **Salt:** 1 tsp
- **Flour:** 1-3 tsp
- **Butter:** 2 cubes
- **Pepper powder:** 1-2 tsp
- **Chilli flakes:** 1 tsp
- **Lemon juice:** 2 tsp

METHOD

- In a bowl, add boneless chicken, salt, pepper, flour, and lemon juice and marinate the chicken.
- Then fry the marinated chicken in butter and keep it aside.
- In a pan, add butter, chopped garlic, chilli flakes, and little water.
- Add some flour and make the sauce thick and then add chicken to it and mix well.
- Garnish with coriander leaves and serve hot.

Contributed by **Varun James,** Hyderabad

NOWSTREAMING

SKY FORCE (Hindi)

India and Pakistan engage in airstrike warfare. The conflict escalates, risking severe consequences. A group of individuals seeks the truth behind the war amid rising tensions.

Cast: Akshay Kumar, Veer Pahariya, Nimrat Kaur

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

OFFICER ON DUTY (Malayalam)

A demoted police inspector investigates a counterfeit jewellery racket, becoming entangled in a dangerous web of crime that puts his life at stake.

Cast: Kunchacko Boban, Priyamani, Vishak Nair

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

W (English)

Misunderstood because of her green skin, Elphaba forges an unlikely but profound friendship with Glinda. Following an encounter with the Wizard of Oz, their relationship soon reaches a crossroad as their lives begin to take very different paths.

Cast: Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo, Jonathan Bailey

- **Watch on:** JioHotstar

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹ 199/month
Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
JioHotstar:	₹ 899/year
Zee5:	₹ 699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹ 299/month
Aha:	₹ 699/year
SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

FITBIT

ARDHA KATI CHAKRASANA

(STANDING SIDE BEND POSE)

This is a beginner-level side bend, generally practised in Hatha and Vinyasa Yoga. It improves balance and awareness, encouraging a sense of stability and connection with the body. It stretches the intercostal muscles, creating lung space. This can be included in therapeutic or restorative yoga sequences for students with asthma and other respiratory disorders. This heart-opening practice, improving blood circulation towards the neck and head can help students with schizophrenia, epilepsy, migraine, or thyroid imbalances.

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana, distributing your weight evenly through both feet.
- Lengthen the spine from the crown of your head to the tailbone. Take a deep breath in.
- Bend on the right, inhale slowly, raise your left arm straight overhead.
- Keep the hand at shoulder level, close to your ear, turn your palm facing upwards. Let your right arm rest along the side of your body, or on your right hip.
- Relax your shoulders, keep them away from your ears. Exhale, bend sideways to the right, pointing your extended left arm overhead to the right. Keep your hips square to the front.
- Stay here for about six breaths or as per the body's capacity, looking at any point before you. Engage your core muscles, drawing your navel towards your spine.
- Align your neck with the spine, focus on extending the left side of your torso, keeping the length on the left side while avoiding collapsing to the right side. This will deepen the stretch and maintain posture.
- Maintain a steady breath. Take a deep breath into your left rib cage, expanding the left side of your body with each inhale. Exhale, gently deepen the stretch.
- Keep the spine long and chest open. Inhale, return to Tadasana.
- Counter the stretch on the other side (left). Finally, relax in Three Part Breath Mountain Pose.

BENEFITS

- Tones the leg muscles and sides of the body.
- Allows a greater flexibility and mobility in the shoulder and sides.
- Addresses muscular imbalances between the left and right sides.
- Improves core strength and stability.
- Maintains a natural pelvis, keeping the hips square, lengthening the spine.
- Added to yoga for kids and teens, enhancing awareness and focus.
- Improves lung capacity and promotes better oxygen flow.
- Maintains a healthy spine. Releases tightness in the shoulders, neck, and upper back.
- Alleviates symptoms related to kyphosis, cervical spondylosis, and lower backpain.
- Relieves stress and tension from the body.
- Improves blood circulation to the entire body.
- Activates the collar bones and sternum.
- Ensures joints of knees, hips, rib cage, shoulders, and elbows are active.
- Releases unwanted apana vayu.
- Regulates the secretions of various glands.
- Alleviates digestive ailments, removes sluggishness in the kidney.
- Keeps better control of diabetes.
- Cooldown pose for sportspersons and runners.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with injury in legs, arms, shoulders or have had surgery in any part of the body, especially the shoulders and wrists, should avoid this.
- People experiencing very low blood pressure, dizziness, headaches, recovering from an ailment, or diarrhoea should practise without overstretching the torso.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Drama Hour

Lavanyavati, conceptualised and designed by Savitri Medhatul, is a performance born from a collaboration with Lavani and Tamasha artists. Watch the performance which follows Lavani's path from its origins in the traditional forms to its dynamic presence in metro cities. Crafted as a documentary theatre experience, the performance blends live Lavani songs with oral histories and archival materials.

WHEN: March 25, 7.30pm
WHERE: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield
DETAILS: jagrititheatre.com

Tuesday Trinkets

Join Tuesdays With the Bard, where poetry, comedy, music, art, literature, and much more comes to life, is an event which has been running for the last 14+ years. Jahnavi Kulkarni is the featured poet who comes from a family of writers. Entry fee- ₹300

WHEN: March 25, 7.30pm
WHERE: Urban Solace, Annaswamy Mudaliar Rd
CALL: 98450 13055

Summer Escape

Cool down the summer heat in the theme park and water park, a day destination for the family. The place offers various food facilities, especially a man-made beach with a bistro.

WHEN: March 25, 11am
WHERE: Jollywood Studios and Adventures, Bidadi
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Flow and Soar

Unwind and relax on Talli Tuesday where live music meets amazing offers. Keep the drinks flowing and the energy soaring as the music resounds.

WHEN: March 25, 8pm
WHERE: Ottoman Restobar, Bellandur
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Artsy Love

Ignite your creativity and deepen your bond through Couple Art Date, where fun-filled painting sessions are designed and exclusively curated for the two of you. Make core memories with your partner in a romantic ambiance while creating a masterpiece together. All materials will be provided to you with a step by step guidance on your artpiece.

WHEN: March 25, 2pm
WHERE: Indiranagar Social, 80 Feet Rd
DETAILS: allevents.in

Laugh it Off

Azeem Banatwalla, stand-up comedian, is back with a new show as he talks about finding himself trying to replace his friends, save his marriage, and deal with the mental health issues of Gen Z children around him.

WHEN: March 25, 8.45pm
WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: allevents.in

Earthy Wisphers

Join the 30-hour pottery course to introduce you to the captivating world of clay. Delve into the fundamentals of pottery and ceramics, guided by experienced instructors, and embark on a transformative experience.

WHEN: March 25, 10am
WHERE: Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar
DETAILS: allevents.in

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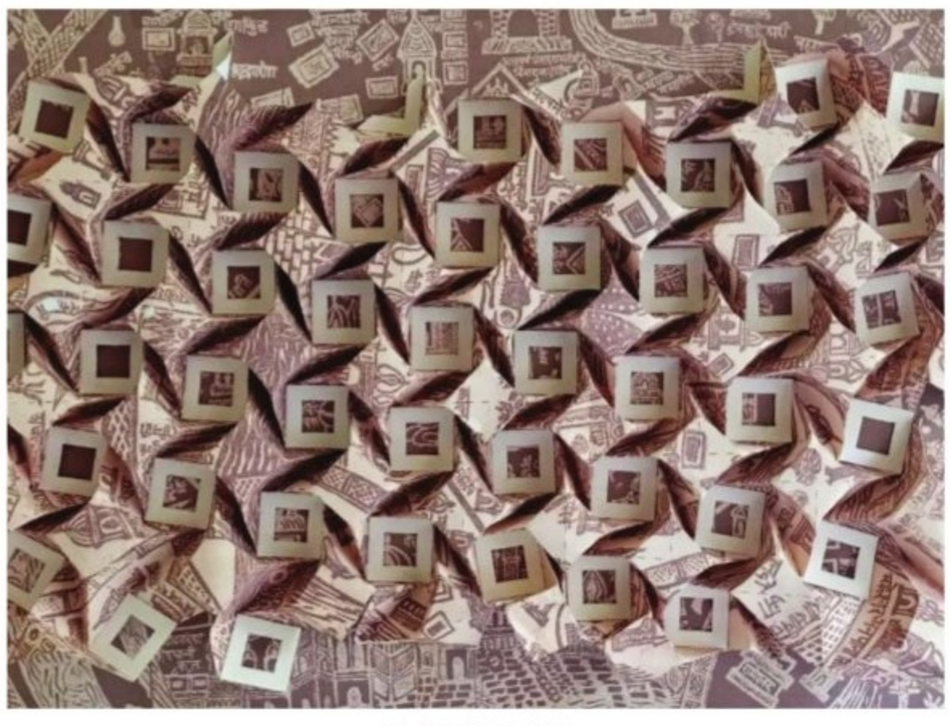


BANARAS

Artist Ankon Mitra uses archival map prints on paper, hand folded to time travel to the Indic Civilisation

FEEDING THE FUTURE

AASHNA REDDY

THE world of baby food is a minefield of conflicting advice. One side swears by age-old traditions – ragi porridge, sprouted grains, and homemade ghee , while the other promotes modern nutrition trends like baby-led weaning and protein-packed purées. Enter Chef Shilarna Vaze, whose new book *Baby Knows Best*, offering Indian parents a fresh, practical approach to feeding their babies.

Vaze's journey began on Instagram when she was pregnant, sharing what she ate and how she introduced food to her daughter. As a chef, a mother, and someone deeply invested in nutrition, she found herself drawn to both traditional baby foods and the latest in holistic nutrition. But she noticed a gap – most baby food books were Western, focusing on butternut squash purées and freezer-friendly meals, which were at odds with the Indian wisdom of soaking, sprouting, and fermenting. Her book brings the best of both worlds, combining ancestral knowledge with practical, modern solutions.

With overwhelming amount of conflicting information on baby nutrition, Vaze acknowledges the real struggle, saying, "Western baby food guides often emphasise things that aren't realistic for Indian households, like feeding babies chicken liver or completely rejecting purées in favour of baby-led weaning. Meanwhile, traditional Indian weaning foods tend to be carb-heavy and lack nutrient density." Through her book she wants to help parents reclaim the basics – simple home-cooked meals that are nutritious, practical, and adaptable to modern lifestyles.

Striking a balance between traditional and global influences was also important to her, because that's how she eats. "I didn't want to only give my daughter khichdi, and neither did I only want to give her sushi," she explains. Growing up in a mixed-cultural household and living in an era where kids are exposed to diverse cuisines, she wanted her daughter to enjoy the best of all worlds.

Babies might be tiny, but when it comes to food, they definitely call the shots. *Baby Knows Best* by Shilarna Vaze guides new parents, especially in trusting their instincts

So what should Indian parents focus on when introducing solids? "Sprouting and fermenting are key," she says. These processes make grains more bioavailable and enhance their nutritional value. She also highlights the power of traditional vegetarian protein combinations – like dal, rice, and ghee, which together form a complete protein. "Spices like turmeric, ginger powder, cinnamon, and saffron are also Indian superfoods, not just for flavour but for their digestive and immunity-boosting properties," she explains.

Meal prep can feel overwhelming, but her book includes hacks. She recommends prepping in bulk – soaking and sprouting beans to freeze, making large portions of tomato sauce or chicken stock, and keeping versatile homemade staples.These small habits allow parents to put together nutrient-dense meals quickly.

And about picky eaters, Vaze believes parents shouldn't stress too much. "I don't believe in treating the kitchen like a restaurant, where kids get endless options in one meal," she notes. Her daughter, once the baby-led weaning eater, went through a phase of only eating fried prawns, bhindhi, and chapati. Rather than force variety, she ensured what she ate was nutritious. She encourages parents to introduce different foods and get them involved in cooking – but ultimately, some kids will be picky, and that's okay.

Vaze's approach has garnered support from many celebrities, actor Anushka Sharma, who wrote the foreword, being one of them. Their connection began and grew when Vaze catered for Sharma, along with their conversations about children's nutrition during Sharma's pregnancy. Their shared passion for clean eating and holistic food choices made Sharma the perfect person to introduce this book.

And if there's one golden rule for parents? "I hate to say it, but they should buy my book," she jokes. Beyond that, she believes in reclaiming the basics – to make simple staples at home. "It's not just about nutrition, but about feeling empowered, making dosa batter, dahi, or ghee at home might seem old-school, but it allows parents to control ingredients and build a solid food foundation for their child," she explains.

With 150 recipes, hacks for homemade staples, expert advice from paediatric nutritionist Sanchita Daswani, and practical tips for meal prep, soaking, fermenting, and tackling dietary restrictions, the book is a comprehensive guide for parents navigating their baby's food journey.

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

Best times to fight

HAVE you ever had a bone to pick with your partner and wondered when would the right time be for a potentially difficult conversation? When you know what you want to say might trigger a conflict, and you are worried about it becoming a fight or feel it could blow up, get sidelined, get discounted, or just not be a productive affair, you might hesitate to initiate the conversation.

These are times when you bring up a difficult situation, and you find your partner reacting angrily about the timing of it without addressing the issue itself. Things like, 'I was just starting to feel nice and romantic, and you had to bring this up and ruin everything! So typical of you!' or, 'It is Friday night. I have had such a long week. Can't we have one relaxed evening without fighting?' or, 'It is Sunday! Please! Half the religions of the world say we should do nothing today, and you want to fight?'.

You might really love each other but that love doesn't always extend to conflict situations. It is even more so when the love you experience has been wanting a little, and much worse if the feelings have been lost for a while.

Is it the job of the person wanting to bring up a conflict to time their protest, make a request and ask for change?

If you think about it, it is like asking the aggrieved person to air their grievance at a time that is convenient to the person causing the grievance. Like, if a country has brutally attacked you and taken over your territory, and you are told to withhold even bringing it up as an issue, let alone take immediate action, because the invader has a national holiday. Would that be fair? Not at all.

The challenge is that sometimes we end up waiting on the whims of the aggressor just because they are far more powerful and we don't have the means to garner enough support or take care of ourselves.

In relationships too, when we are quite empowered, if we are aggrieved, we would raise the issue right away. We might, out of politeness or consideration, say we can address things later, but we would raise it anyway. Most often, if we are looking to time ourselves, it is an indication that we don't feel as empowered, or maybe actively feel powerless. We don't want things to escalate for fear of more harm to ourselves. We worry that a mistimed call-out might damage us instead of getting a redressal.

If you ever find yourself trying to get the right time over and over to bring up a potential conflict, then just check in on whether you feel the balance of power in the relationship is fair. Most times, we aren't talking about timing but lack of power, autonomy and agency, and that's a big challenge.

(The writer's views are personal)

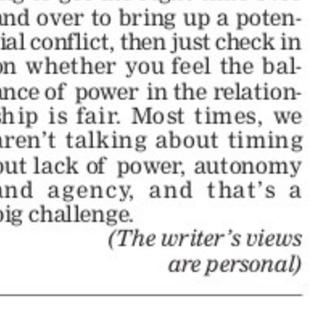
NUGGETS

City to witness dance festival on March 29

The Articulate Trust for Arts is set to present Articulate Festival 06 on March 29 at 6pm at ADA Rangamandira, JC Road. The event promises to showcase three remarkable solo performances by some of the country's most revered artistes like Odissi dancer Padma Shri **Aruna Mohanty**, Bharatanatyam dancer Deepak Mazumdar, and Kathak dancer Ashimbandhu Bhattacharjee. The event promises to be an enriching cultural experience which celebrates India's classical dance heritage along with art enthusiasts, cultural connoisseurs, and the general public who are invited to join.

Summer fest to be held on April 5

The third edition of Udhbhavaha Utsava, an annual summer fest for families, is scheduled for April 5 at 10.30am, at the Udhbhavaha campus, near Kengeri. The highlights of the event include stalls, and workshops like lipstick making, mandala art, painting and mehendi for adults. Priced at ₹750 per adult and free entry for children below four years of age, the event promises to celebrate summer with the ultimate experience of rustic games and traditional arts like kesaru gadde, puppet show, kho kho, kabaddi, and many more curated for children. For more information, call 78925 57881.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
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I, **SHREYA RANGAPURE** D/o. Dayanand, R/o H. No. 2-910, Plot No.3, Badepur, Sector -J, Gubbi Colony, Gulbarga-585105 have changed my name from **SHREYA** to **SHREYA RANGAPURE** vide affidavit dated 17-03-2025 Sworn before Notary H.G. Padmanabha Rao, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sateesh P Biradar S/o Padamanna, aged about 48 years, residing at No. 14, Sapthagiri Nilaya 4th Block, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097 have changed my name from SATEESH BIRADAR to **SATEESH P BIRADAR** vide affidavit dated 21.03.2025 sworn before Notary Vanajakshi. R.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAIK KOUSER RAHIMA** W/o Firdous Basha S residing at 213/3 New No 3/1 PID NO 16-65-3/1, Cauverynagar, Kamalanagar, Basaveshwara Nagar BBMP north, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560079, solemnly declare:-that I changed my name from **S RAHIMA BEGUM** to **SHAIK KOUSER RAHIMA** and in my SSLC marks card my date of birth is mentioned 01/02/1981 instead of 02/02/1981, my correct date of birth is 02/02/1981 through vide affidavit dated 20/03/2025 sworn to before **K C SHASHIKALA** Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NARESH V SUGNANI,** S/o Vadhuram Sugnani, age 68 years, R/at No. 68, Flat No. 101, Sai Ranga Apartments, 1st Cross, Desai Garden, Vasanthapura Main Road, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560 061 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NARESH B SUGNANI** to **NARESH V SUGNANI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NARESH V SUGNANI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th March 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL .G.G.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAIK FIRDOUS BASHA** S/o S Mahamood Basha residing at 213/3 New No 3/1 PID NO 16-65, Cauvery Nagar, Kamalanagar, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560079, solemnly declare:-that I changed my name from **S FERDOSS BASHA, S FIR DOUS BASHA AND FERDOSS BASHA SHAIK** to **SHAIK FIRDOUS BASHA** through vide affidavit dated 20/03/2025 sworn to before **K C SHASHIKALA** Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAKASH KUMAR VENKATESH,** R/o No. 59, Neharu Extension, Malur Town, Malur, Kolar District - 563 130 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **KUSHAL PRAKASH KUMAR** to **KUSHAAL PRAKASH KUMAR**, henceforth he shall be known and called as **KUSHAAL PRAKASH KUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th March 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KANCHAN JAIN,** W/o Sri Rajesh Kumar Jain, aged about 65 years, R/at No. 16, Mandot Nivas, 2nd Main Road, Chakravarthi Iyengar Layout, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560 020 do hereby declare that my correct name is **KANCHAN JAIN,** but in my Bank Account, my name is wrongly mentioned as **KANCHAND KUMARI** instead of **KANCHAN JAIN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KANCHAN JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24-03-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.G. RAJPAL** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **K. Tamilselvi**, D/o. Late N.C. Krishnan, aged about 61 years, residing at No. 1373 'C', 5th C Cross, Gokul 1st Stage, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560022, do hereby declare that In my SSLC Marks Card my name is shown as **THAMEL SELVI K** and in Aadhar Card it is Shown as Short form as **SELVI KT, K. TAMIL SELVI, THAMEL SELVI K** and **SELVI KT** are one and same person. My father while giving my name in the service records was shown as **Tamil Selvi** and my DOB is **20.07.1964** as per my SSLC Marks Card, vide affidavit dated 24.03.2025, sworn to before P. Anuradha, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

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I, **POOJA BAI M,** D/o. M. Manjunatha R, aged about 24 years, resident of C/o. Manjunath, 'D' Group, 5th Block, Lingadeeranahalli, Andrahalli, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560091, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **POOJA BAI M** to **JANVIKA M,** vide affidavit dated 24.03.2025, sworn to before P. Anuradha, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BS SEETHAMMA,** is legally wedded spouse of, **No. 13919658L, Ex NK BANTARA KARIAPPA VENKAAPPA,** R/at Flat No 003 Divya Jyothi Valley View Apartment, 12th Main, ST Bed 4 Koramangala 4th Block, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name from **BS SEETHAMMA** to **SEETHAMMA B S**, vide affidavit dated: 24.03.2025 before Notary **S.Samuel Solomon,** Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Venkatesh E**, S/o. Eranna, Aged about 41 years, Residing at No. 33, Ground Floor, Doddakamanahalli, Near Amoda Apartment, Bannerghatta Road, Gottigere, Bengaluru South - 560 083, do hereby declare that, my original name is **VENKATESH E** in Aadhar Card and other Documents. I submit that my name wrongly entered as **Eerannagari Venkatesulu S/o. Eeranna** in my 10th Marks Card (Secondary School Certificate). Which is not correct my name. Vide affidavit dated 17.02.2025 sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **HARIVEL E** and **M.ARUNA**, both residing at #2160, 18th Main, 5th Cross, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru 560008 have changed the name of our minor daughter from **MALAR.H** to **MALAR HARIVEL**, vide Affidavit Dated: 24/03/2025, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BIBI HAJIRA H,** W/o Mohammed Altaf, R/at No. 197, 3rd Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Krishnarajapuram Post, Bengaluru-560 036 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BIBI HAJIRA HYDER SAB** to **BIBI HAJIRA H,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **BIBI HAJIRA H** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14-03-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHANDRASHEKAR .M** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KUMAR KEMMARANA PUTTASWAMY** S/o **Putta Swamy Kemmarana Puttaiah,** R/at No.178, 1st Cross, 1st Block, Near SLR Garments, HMT Layout, KRS Gowda Extension, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073, have changed my name to **KUMARA KEMMARANA PUTTASWAMY** vide affidavit dated: 21/03/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, YOGA NARASIMHA BABU (New Name), S/o. Sri. V K Babu, residing at No. 1585, East End Main Road, Near Reddy Hospital, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore-560069, Kamataka, India, that I have changed my name from YOGA NARASIMHA (Old Name) to YOGA NARASIMHA BABU (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as YOGA NARASIMHA BABU (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 24/03/2025, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN. K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **INDERCHAND LEENA KUMARI** and **LEENA KUMARI** R/at No. B P Jewellers, 1st Cross Road, Robertsonpet, KGF (Kolar)- 563122 have changed my name to **LEENA KUMARI KAMALCHAND** vide affidavit dated: 17/3/2025 Before Notary **Sivakumara .M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MARIO SYLVESTER JOSEPH JAMES** S/o **Mario Joseph James** and Holder Passport No:N0726526 R/at No.51, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, 6th Main, Teachers Colony, HBR Layout, 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560043 have changed my name to **MARIO SYLVESTER JOSEPH** vide affidavit dated: 24/3/2025 Before Notary **A. Gerald** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NITHIN CHANDRA SHEKAR** S/o **SEETHARAMPUR ANANTAIAH CHANDRA SHEKAR** R/at No. 15/A Siddhi, 3rd Cross, Ramaiah Reddy Layout, Chikka Banaswadi, Bengaluru – 560043 have changed my name to **NITHIN SHEKAR** vide affidavit dated: 20/3/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
WE, **BALAKUMARAN KANNAN** (Father) and **ABIRAMI KOTHANDAPANI** (Mother) R/at No.B328, SLS Sunflower Apartments, Bhoganahalli Road, Bhoganahalli Bangalore- 560103, have changed our Daughter's name as **SHANMATHI** to **SHANMATHI BALAKUMARAN** vide affidavit dated: 24/3/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARMILA BANGALORE LAKSHMAN** D/o **LAKSHMAN BANGALORE RAMAIAH SHETTY** R/at No. 15/A Siddhi, 3rd Cross, Ramaiah Reddy Layout, Chikka Banaswadi, Bengaluru – 560043 have changed my name to **SHARMILA NITHIN SHEKAR** vide affidavit dated: 20/3/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHRINIVAS KULKARNI** R/at No.24/10 Vaijayanta, Temple Road, ITI Colony Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru- 560085 have changed my name to **SHRINIVAS PRALHAD KULKARNI** vide affidavit dated: 24/3/2025 Before Notary **Sivakumara.M.N** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **M P MANJUNATH CHAITANYA,** on behalf of Minor Son BHARGAV CHAITANYA.M and resident of No.34, Manjunatheshwara Nilaya 3rd Cross, Central Excise Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 040, have changed our minor son's name from **BHARGAV CHAITANAYA.M** to **BHARGAV CHAITANYA.M,** vide affidavit dated 24/3/2025 sworn to before V.Rajashekhara Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

NAME CHANGE
I, **PHANI VVS MURTHY BANDARU** S/O. **SURYA KUMAR**, resident of MB2 112 block 1, Astro Maison Douce, HN Halli Lake Road, Near Radha Reddy Layout, Doddakanahalli, Bangalore-560035,I have changed my name from **BANDARU PHANI VEERA VENKATA SATYANARAYANA MURTHY**(Old Name) **PHANI VVS MURTHY BANDARU** (New Name). Hence after all my documents, Passport etc., will continue with my New Name **PHANI VVS MURTHY BANDARU**

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I, **Sujay Kumar YH,** hereby declare that, I have lost my Original ICSE 10th Marks Card, Document ID No. T/122/127, issued by the Council for the Indian School Certificate, Examination New Delhi, Indian certificate of secondary education examination 1993, School- Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Bengaluru. That I have already lodged a police complaint dated 21.12.2024, having Lost Report No. 1393889/2024. If anyone finds the above mentioned document or has any other information regarding the same, I request them to contact me at my email ID: Yh.sujay@gmail.com Mobile no. **9901622050**

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'PC SHEKHAR VISUAL IMAGINATION NEVER FAILS TO IMPRESS'

A SHARADHAA

WHEN heroines usually find themselves confined to conventional roles, director PC Shekhar has often given his leading women diverse, distinctive characters. His latest film *BAD*—an action thriller starring Nakul—can be no exception.

The film features two talented female actors, Manvita Kamath and Apoorva Bharadwaj, who share their experiences working on this project ahead of its release this week.

My role in *BAD* is more of an extended cameo: Manvita

Manvita Kamath, talking about her character in *BAD*, reveals, "It's more of an extended cameo, which I played purely out of goodwill for Arjun Janya and PC Shekhar." She further praised the director for his consistent ability to present women in compelling, layered roles. Talking about her character, which originates from a small town, she adds, "When PC Shekhar described the character's tough body language and background, I was immediately intrigued by the concept." She acknowledges that this film, like his previous work such as Raaga Romeo, showcases Shekhar's inherent skill in crafting well-rounded female characters. Her experience with the film was heightened by the music, composed by Arjun Janya, who had previously provided her with unforgettable tunes in Chowka with 'Appa I Love You.' Manvita says, "Arjun sir has always provided me with great music."

The best part about *BAD* is its concise duration: Apoorva Bharadwaj

Apoorva Bharadwaj, the actor of Nodidavaru Enanthare, explains what drew her to *BAD*. "There are many shades to my role, and the credit goes to director Shekhar, whose visual imagination never fails to impress," she says. Apoorva reveals that this was her first venture into action thrillers, and it was a thrilling experience. "I got to perform some action sequences, and wearing a body rig added a layer of excitement to my work," she says. One of the standout features of *BAD*, according to Apoorva, is its concise duration. "At just 1 hour and 45 minutes, *BAD* maintains a tight pace, making it a good experience from start to finish."

Audience has never stopped supporting good films: Yash

Yash along with team Manada Kadalu

A still from the film

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THE film industry was abuzz recently when Rocking Star Yash made a public appearance after a four-year hiatus. His presence at the launch of Yogaraj Bhat's upcoming film *Manada Kadalu* drew a large number of fans, who were there to catch a glimpse of their favourite star. The film features Sumukha, Rashika Shetty, and Anjali Anish, and cinematography by Santhosh Rai Pathaje, with Murali Master also part of the project set to release on March 28. It was a fan moment for all, especially with the support Yash extended to the team.

Producer E Krishnappa, who collaborated with Yash on *Moggina Manasu*, was particularly moved by his gesture. Yash's presence clearly reflected gratitude. After the film's trailer was released, Yash took a moment to talk about the people who shaped his career. "The main reason for my presence today is producer E Krishnappa. If he hadn't given me the opportunity to act in *Moggina Manasu*, I wouldn't be where I am today as a lead actor. He was my first producer. Director Yogaraj Bhat, music director V Harikrishna, and co-producer G Gangadhar—all of those here—have worked hard for my growth, and I owe them a lot. I'm here today with the same gratitude," he said.

Yash also shared his evolving perspective on the Kannada film industry. "There was a time when I too believed that Kannada films were not being watched or supported by audiences," he admitted. "But one day, while watching a film, I realised that if we do our work diligently and deliver a good Kannada film, audiences will not reject it. They have never stopped supporting good films and will always embrace them."

Addressing the rising trend of publicity-driven events, Yash stated, "A film wins because of the work put into it and the high standards of the filmmakers, not just because of events or promotions."

Looking ahead, Yash encouraged emerging talent in the industry. "A person cannot grow alone; you must aim for big goals. With responsibility, one should keep moving forward. New actors must come into the industry." He added, "The trailer of *Manada Kadalu* is great. I request everyone to watch it in theatres."

Addressing his loyal fans, Yash said, "Every time you shout out my name with that energy, you have always given me responsibility. I won't disrespect your enthusiasm. I am working hard and will strive higher. Trust me, I won't let you down."

'Content is the king and entertainment has to be the crown'

VIGNESH MADHU

OVER the years, Murali Gopy has donned quite a few hats in cinema—screenwriter, actor, lyricist, playback singer, and composer. Among them, his much-valued screenwriter's hat is embellished with a rich variety of vibrant feathers—read genres. Hyperlink thriller, political drama, socio-political drama, satire... It's a versatile filmography so far. *Lucifer* (2019), his first attempt at scripting a superstar film, saw him succeeding in pushing the envelope of a mainstream entertainer. A widely-celebrated film, *Lucifer* had a lot going for it—strong content, unique narrative structure, ambitious scale, an ensemble of excellent performers led by a superstar in supreme form, and a grand vision. Six years later, Murali Gopy and director Prithviraj Sukumaran's grand vision is one step closer to reality with the release of *L2: Empuraan*, the second instalment in the *Lucifer* trilogy.

Even as there's an unprecedented frenzy around the film's release on March 27, Murali Gopy cuts a picture of imperturbable composure. It's as if he has shut himself away from all the hype around him. "I always believe in doing my best and then allowing myself some rest. Only the effort is in your hands; the result isn't," he says, channelling his inner Zen.

In this conversation, we try to get a peek into Murali Gopy's writing techniques and how meticulously he builds the world of *Lucifer*.

Excerpts:

You had earlier mentioned that *Lucifer* was conceived as a web series and later as a three-part franchise. With the first part becoming such a massive success, did that influence you in making Empuraan a bigger crowd-pleaser?

There has never been any deliberate effort on my part to make any of the films I have written to be a 'crowd pleaser'. Having said that, I sincerely believe that entertainment is and must be a key factor in any mainstream movie. I have always considered content to be the king. Even there, entertainment has to be the crown.

How do you and Prithviraj resolve your differences in opinions?

Rather than a difference of opinions, I would call it a difference in conception vantages. Such things are normal even with directors making movies on already-established books. The view of the director may not always be in tandem with the originally conceived one on paper. But with us, it has so far been more agreements than clash points.

But do you ever think of the audience while writing? As in, to include high moments at regular junctures...

Even when I write in absolute solitude, it is not that I'm alone in the true sense of the word. Any mainstream writer hosts within his/her interiority a mass of many men, many voices. So, it is a collective force at play, within the mind.

Mohanlal is there for just around 40 minutes in *Lucifer*, but his presence is felt throughout. How do you ensure that on paper?

Stephen Nedumpally is like the sun. No earthling directly looks at the sun to ensure that the star is around; it is the warmth, the sweat, and the light that announce the presence. Stephen unveils his aura not entirely through an assertive physical presence but through the revolution, rotation, and evolution of the planets that swarm him.

In the Indian 'mass cinema' context, we have seen numerous films with a protagonist leading a meek and subdued life but actually having a dark past. On a superficial level, *Lucifer* also has a similar grammar. But unlike other films of this template, both Stephen Nedumpally and Khureshi-Ab'raam are equally powerful. Do you follow a separate approach while writing their portions?

There is nothing wrong in pursuing a formula, as long as there are original and effective narrative tweaks to supplement it. The theme of "alter ego" is as old as the hills. But even now, there are surprising angles getting explored there. Both Stephen and KA are powerful, but as you said, the syntax of power is diametrically opposite to each other. And therein lies the tweak.

This franchise has many pivotal characters. Since you're also an actor, did you ever think of writing a part for yourself?

I never think along those lines with anything I write. Except when there is a creative consensus, which includes me too, that I would be good in a certain character, I don't think along those lines at all.

How much writing has progressed for the third part or would you rather wait for Empuraan's response before taking it forward?

KORAGAJJA ALLOWED ME TO INVENT A NEW GENRE: GOPI SUNDAR

CE FEATURES

KORAGAJJA, directed by Sahitya Akademi Award-winner Sudheer Attavar, explores the story of *Koragajja*, a principal deity worshipped in the Karavali (Tulu Nadu) region of Karnataka, focusing on an indigenous youth's transformation into the divine figure of *Koragajja* over 800 years ago. Composer Gopi Sundar, collaborating with Sudheer Attavar, calls the project a "unique musical experience". He explains how the music goes beyond traditional compositions, saying, "Composing music for this movie required more time as I had to immerse myself in new traditions. The tunes I created came after understanding these customs, and I'm glad the director liked my work."

Sudheer Attavar, who conducted extensive research for the film, highlights the distinctive nature of the story, noting that it's "more than just a typical father-daughter tale". He also mentioned that Gopi's compositions were praised by renowned vocalists, including Shreya Ghoshal, Shankar Mahadevan, and Sunidhi Chauhan. The soundtrack features a track by Mahadevan that incorporates verses from the Shiva Tandava, blending traditional elements.

Sudheer Attavar and Gopi Sundar

A still from the film

Gopi Sundar further shares, "The subject of *Koragajja* allowed me to invent a new genre, exploring fresh musical territories. The film's subtle layers go beyond regular movie formats, and composing for it was both challenging and rewarding."

The film features six songs, composed in different styles and languages, with lyrics penned by Sudheer Attavar himself.

Interestingly, there is a competition for its audio rights, with top audio companies from Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru making offers that exceeded expectations, according to producer Trivikram Sapalya.

The film, to be out in multiple languages, also stars Kabir Bedi, Bhavya, Sandip Soparrkar, Ganesh Acharya, Shruthi, and Naveen D Padil, with cinematography by Manoj Pillai and editing by Jith Joshie and Vidhyadhar Shetty.

Jana Nayagan gets a Pongal release

CE FEATURES

ONE of the most anticipated films of Tamil cinema, actor-politician Vijay's *Jana Nayagan*, is set for a Pongal release next year. The makers officially announced on Monday that the film will hit the screens on January 9, ahead of the festival.

Expected to be a political thriller, *Jana Nayagan* is believed to be Vijay's final film before his complete political plunge. The actor launched his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), in 2024, with plans to contest the 2026 Tamil Nadu State Assembly elections.

Jana Nayagan will be Vijay's 15th Pongal release after *Coimbatore Mappillai* (1996), *Kaalamellam Kaathiruppen* (1997), *Kannukkul Nilavu* (2000), *Friends* (2001), *Thirupaachi* (2005), *Aadhi* (2006), *Pokkiri* (2007), *Villu* (2009), *Kaavalan* (2011), *Nanban* (2012), *Jilla* (2014), *Bairavaa* (2017), *Master* (2021) and *Varisu* (2023).

Apart from Vijay, the film's ensemble cast includes Bobby Deol, Pooja Hegde, Narain, and Prakash Raj.